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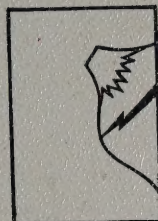
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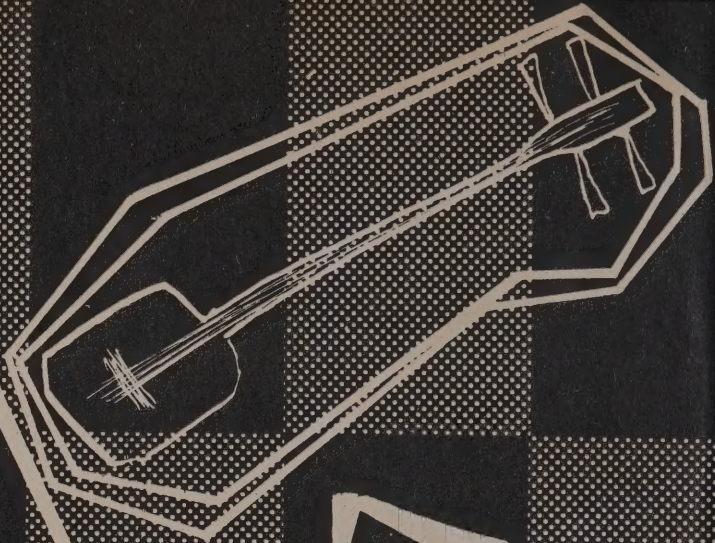
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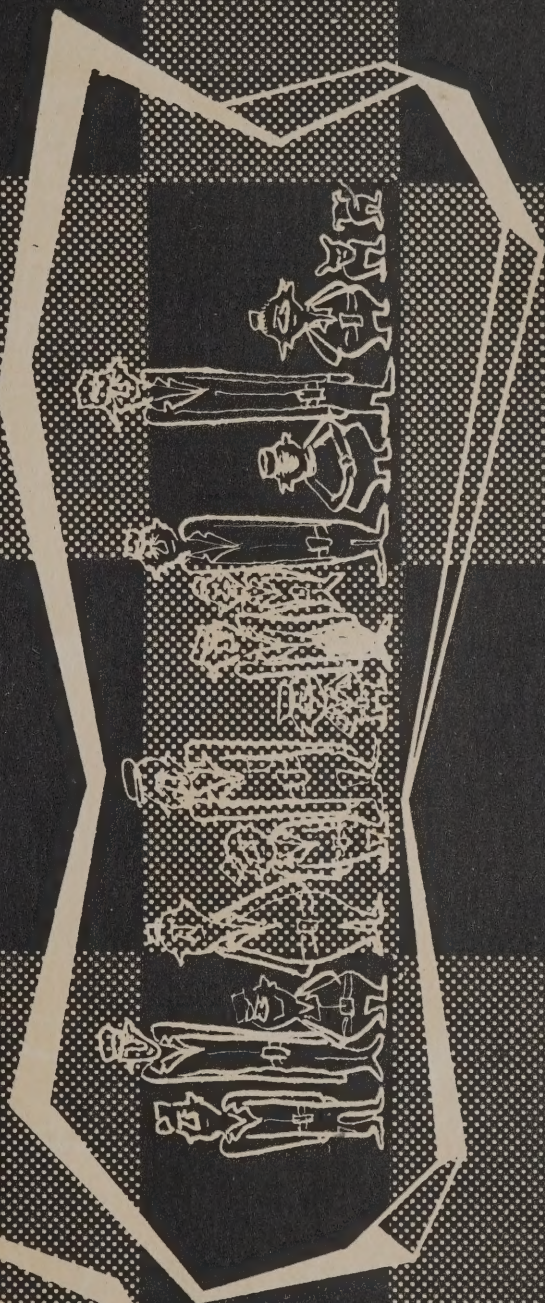
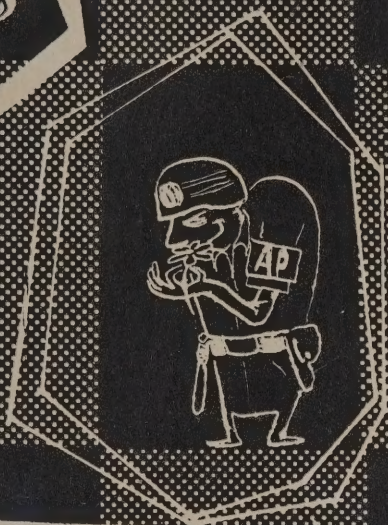
wing

japan

1955







*When time who steals our years away
Shall steal our pleasures too,
The memory of the past will stay
And half our joys renewed.*

Thomas Moore

f o r w a r d

The dynamic 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, colorful, quaint and ancient Japan along with typical Air Force life are about to be unfolded before you through the following pages of the 1955 Wing Yearbook.

This unofficial Air Force publication has been prepared with one main theme in mind: presenting an entertaining type book with a pictorial living history of the year 1955 spent in Japan with the 67th Wing.

We sincerely hope that in years to come a glance through these pages will bring back numerous memories of this crowded little country with its three-wheelers, narrow streets, laughing people and even our famous "strip". However, possibly even more important, are the memories of friends and fellow airmen working hand-in-hand toward the over-all accomplishment of the 67th's mission.

This has been a monumental year for our organization and many of its men. It found the Wing moving from a war-torn Korea to a metropolitan Japan. It found many changes taking place within the Wing as a result of the deployment and it found families reuniting here in Japan.

The staff of the 1955 Yearbook took a great deal of pride in preparing this book. Over four solid months of work and the taking of approximately 1100 photographs have been combined to present what we feel is the most representative publication yet published by the 67th Wing.

Yes, this has been an interesting year and one that will never be forgotten by any of us. And an occasional look at this book will recall even more vividly memories of the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing and the Land of the Rising Sun.

the staff



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PRESCOTT M. SPICER
Colonel, USAF
Commander

Since the cessation of combat operations in Korea in July 1953, the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing mission has shifted significantly from active, combat support of United Nations forces to a status of training and preparedness. During this past year our effectiveness has been further improved by redeployment from the forward site at Kimpo, Korea to bases in Japan. These moves have permitted more diversified training, improvement in equipment, and the integration into the Wing of several hundred families of our airmen and officers.

The Wing record during this past year has been excellent. Based on measurements of high flying time, low accident rates, and outstanding records of discipline, morale, and administrative efficiency, this Wing has consistently averaged in the top third of all units in the Far East. Credit for this achievement goes to each officer and airman in both the tactical as well as the support elements of the Wing.

I am personally proud of the achievements of this past year, the excellent state of readiness we have developed, and of the splendid cooperation of each of you which has enhanced our primary mission. To each and everyone of you is due the appreciation of the United States Air Force and of our nation for a job well done.

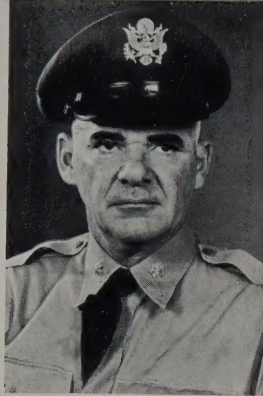


GERALD J. DIX
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander

During the past year the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing has moved from a dour, war-torn country to pleasant, lively areas in Japan. The relocation created new and challenging problems, and increased the responsibilities of the Command. A well-directed, energetic response by all personnel has solved these problems and the greater responsibilities have been eagerly accepted.

The move allowed the reunion of families and provided manifold opportunities for off-duty education and recreation. The resultant well-balanced living has been reflected in the accomplishments of the Wing.

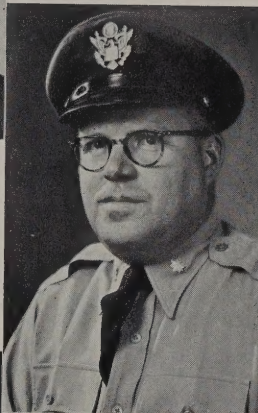
Throughout last year and in this period of adjustment following the move, combat readiness has remained at a high level and a diversity of special projects and operational missions have been well done. The Wing Commander and I take much pride in the manner in which all personnel have contributed to these successes. Your spirit and efforts are gratifying and may further successes be forthcoming. Best wishes and continued good luck to each of you and your families during your assignment here or elsewhere.



Lt. Col. Lee
director of personnel

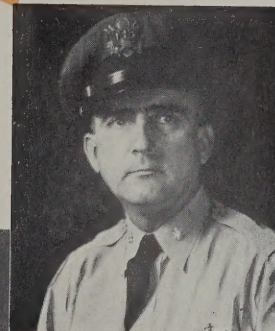


Lt. Col. Hunt
director of materiel



Lt. Col. Kingston
comptroller

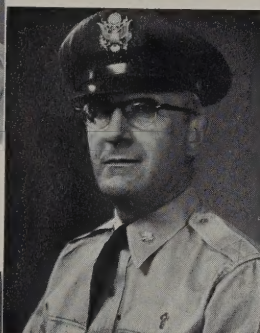
the wing staff



Lt. Col. Jolly
director of operations



Lt. Col. Fairless
wing inspector



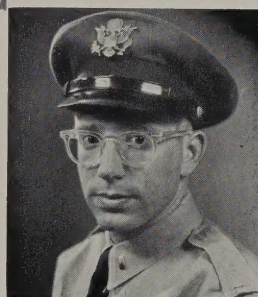
Major Howard
wing chaplain



Major Gray
wing adjutant



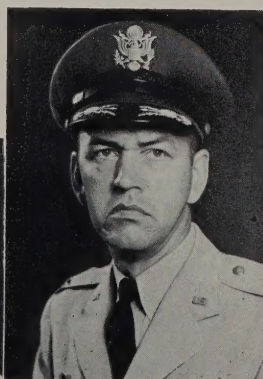
M/Sgt Mattingly
wing sergeant-major



Lt. Frank
Information Services



Captain Schwing
judge advocate



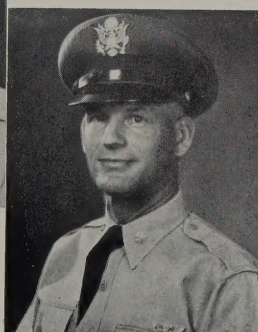
Colonel Stolly
M & S group commander



Colonel Brown
air base group commander



Major White
recon tech sq. commander



Lt. Col. Bradley
tac hospital commander

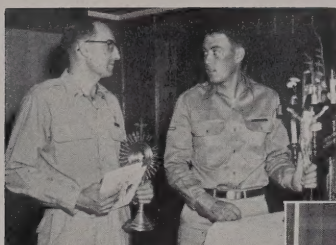


Lt. Col. Smith
tac recon group commander



personnel ...
judge advocate ...
operations ...
materiel ...
chaplain ...
comptroller ...
adjutant ...
command ...
information services ...
wing inspector ...
headquarters squadron section ...





◀ Father Blach and assistant
prepare for services



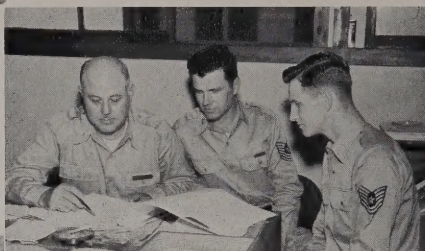
▲ finance... everyone's interest



◀ stat services data center

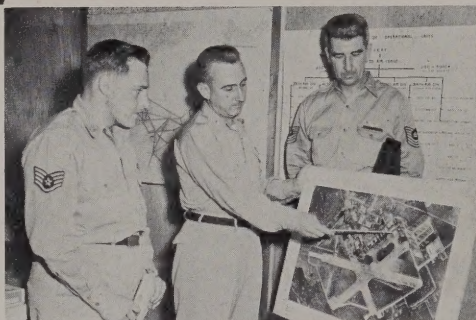


◀ accounting section eyes debits and
credits



▲ materiel focal point

operational activities originate ▶
under D. O.

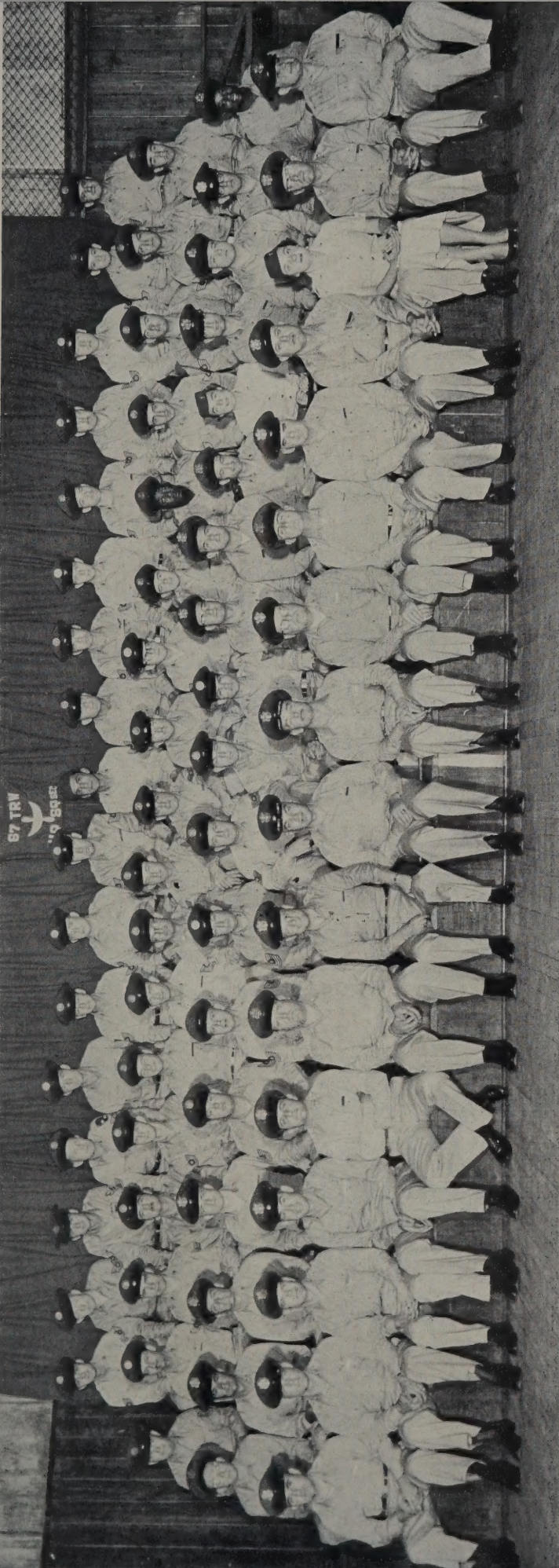


◀ orderly room men

Row #1, left to right, Takao, Kitto, Trimmell, Warren, Lapp, Oftelie, Alderman, Ortega, Cochran, Kesterson and Holmberg. Row #2, left to right, Hardee, Maniscalco, Taylor, Bonneau, Foss, Sams, Nott, Justice, Lynch and Davis. Row #3, left to right, Ryan, Fhunderburk, Staudohar, Beck, Oberle, Owen, Woodruff, Callahan, Best and Schindler. Row #4, left to right, Turner, Gabbard, Rodriguez, Buck, Davis, Parsons, Shaw, Morris, Schroeder, Hawkins and Bailey.

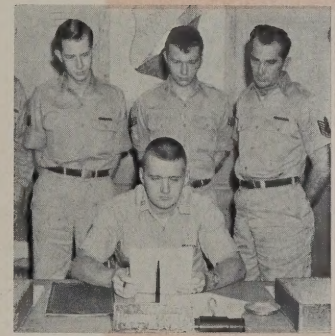


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11th Air Force



Row #1, left to right, Schwing, Bunten, Gray, Strong, Carey, Hunt, Fairless, Colonel Spicer, wing commander, Dix, Kingston, Jolly, Lee, Gabrielian, Mc Carthy, Howard and Campbell. Row #2, left to right, Frank, Oberhelman, Robinett, Schade, Green, Mattingly, Bohnenstiel, Harrington, Weiss, Thordsen, Blach, Holtz, Webb, Kinloch, D'Agostino, Bower, Mundy and Chatman. Row #3, left to right, Morgan, Lee, Cooper, Adair, Beimbauer, Blurton, Lindsey, Janik, Hagar, Baker, Crago, Need, Mc Cullough, Martin, Catta, Brockman, Ashley and Nettles. Row #4, left to right, Graham, Petersen, Stone, Peebles, Allen, Tubb, Rodgers, Edmondson, Bans, Lewis, Morris, Pemberton, Allen, Anderson, Bowlin, Richards and Masters.

hq sec wing



▲ Captain Estes, headquarters section commander and administrative staff

The backbone behind any smooth running organization is a highly competent and effective headquarters section.

Tremendously diversified and consisting of the personnel, operations, chaplain, judge advocate, information services, materiel, adjutant, wing inspector and comptroller staff sections as well as the actual headquarters squadron, the 67th Wing's corp of specialists have taken on even added responsibilities with the re deployment of the Wing to Japan.

Through close daily coordination amongst these staff agencies, the Wing has been able to cope with every arising situation and thus enabled the men of the 67th to accomplish their mission.

airmen's records section ▶



operations receive classified TWX ▶



▲ legal department... courts in session



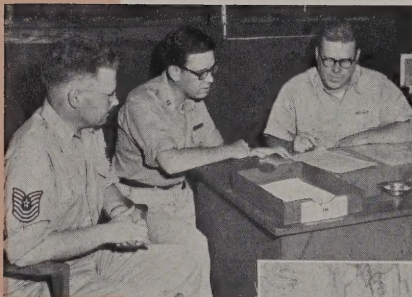
base publications ▶



Chaplain Howard and staff screen religious literature ▶



comptroller's confab ▶



◀ top intelligence men confer



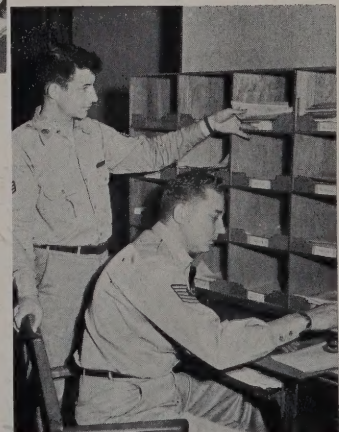
information services office ▲



◀ the all-important flying safety program

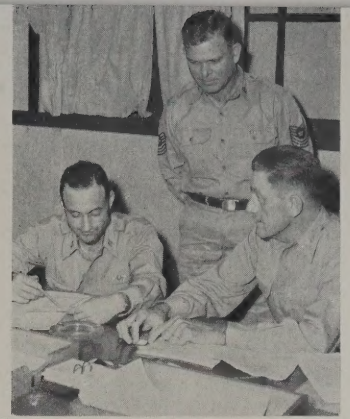


pounds of paper work pass through distribution center ▶





◀ wing sergeant-major and aids



mobility and transportation heads meet ▶

wing inspectors office ▶



manpower draft gets approval ▶

◀ wing training section



◀ officer's records specialists



Hawkeye deadline time approaches ▶



◀ personnel problem perused



▼ complete tech order library maintained in DM shop

▼ post inspection study made by inspectors staff





staff supervision ...
command responsibility
for the
tactical squadrons ...
a hub of information ...
operational control
over photo
and
weather recce ...
the 67th's
tactical
pentagon

fac

group

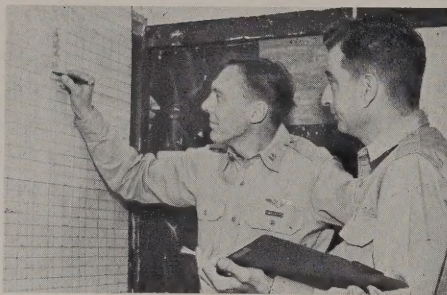




◀ weather recce routes traced by ECM officer Lakin



administrative briefing by adjutant Reiger ▶



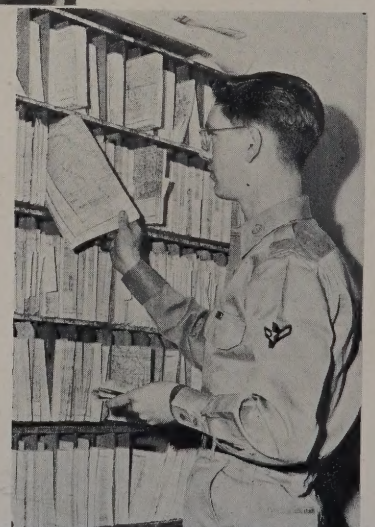
◀ a good day's work...five photo targets covered



our job...get the facts...photo that is ▶



◀ well informed to inform...the Intelligence staff



group AOB...maps to you ! ▶

67th tac recon group



Row #1, left to right, Lakin, Harris, Wellington, Berndt, Wentz, Pomeroy, Lt. Col. Smith, commander, Stone, Cobb, Yakutis, Rieger, Miller and Crowell.
Row #2, left to right, Merkley, Burdick, Tixier, Mudge, Hughes, Montanez, Whitney, Todd, Flogerzi, Murphy, South and Webb.
Row #3, left to right, Irving, Wright, Perkins, Edelman, Stewart, Marshall, Kollic, Curletta, Burley, Cecil, Ochoa, Fleming, Faulk and Lindsay.



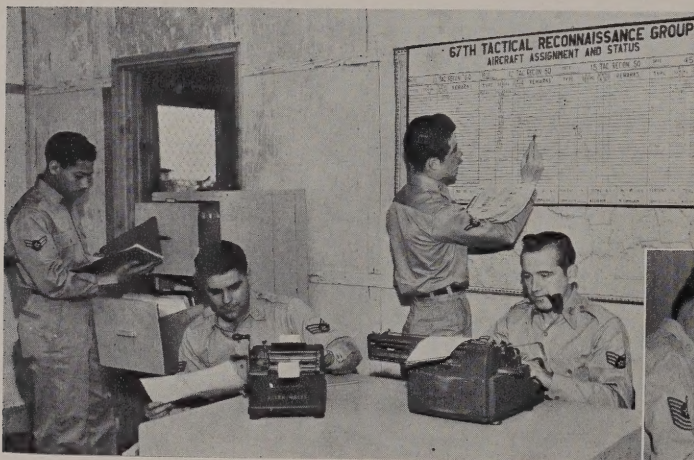
commanders Smith and Pomeroy

Hdqs. Tac Group was reformed when the Wing moved from Korea in December of '54. Our forces formerly assembled under the Directorate of Operations banner at Wing level, quickly organized into six staff sections both administrative and command to perform our mission. Now each day, the Materiel, Personnel, Intelligence, Photo, Operations, and Communications Sections are called upon to assist, advise or supervise the four tactical squadrons. As a commanding and coordinating agency it forms a vital link in the Hawkeye chain.



◀ school's never over for pilots and navigators

if it's a tech order, Materiel has it ▶



◀ charts, files and reports reflect Operations efficiency



◀ draftsmen in action

Communications staff studying their AC-DC's ▶



◀ man the squadrons... the Personnel section's cry

weather reconnaissance

and forecasting...

ship surveillance...

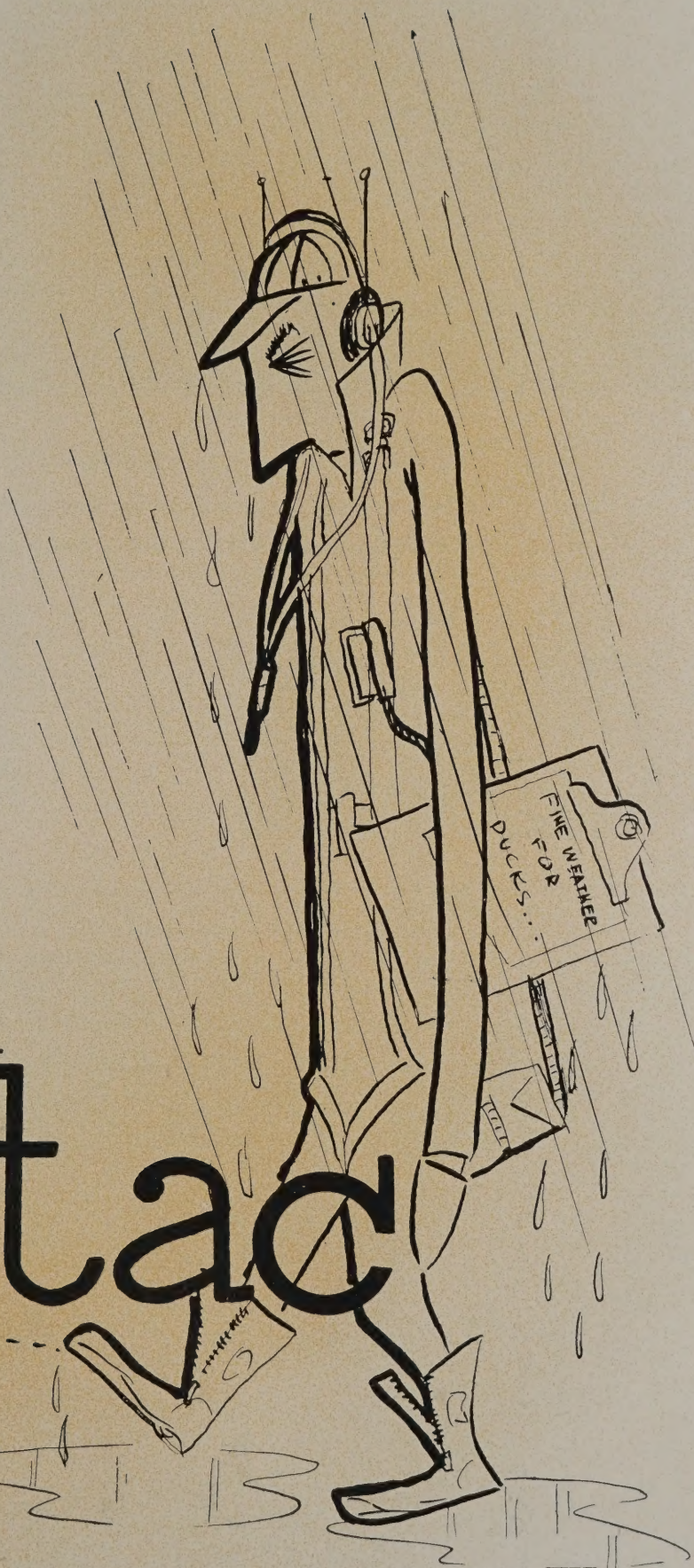
radar recce

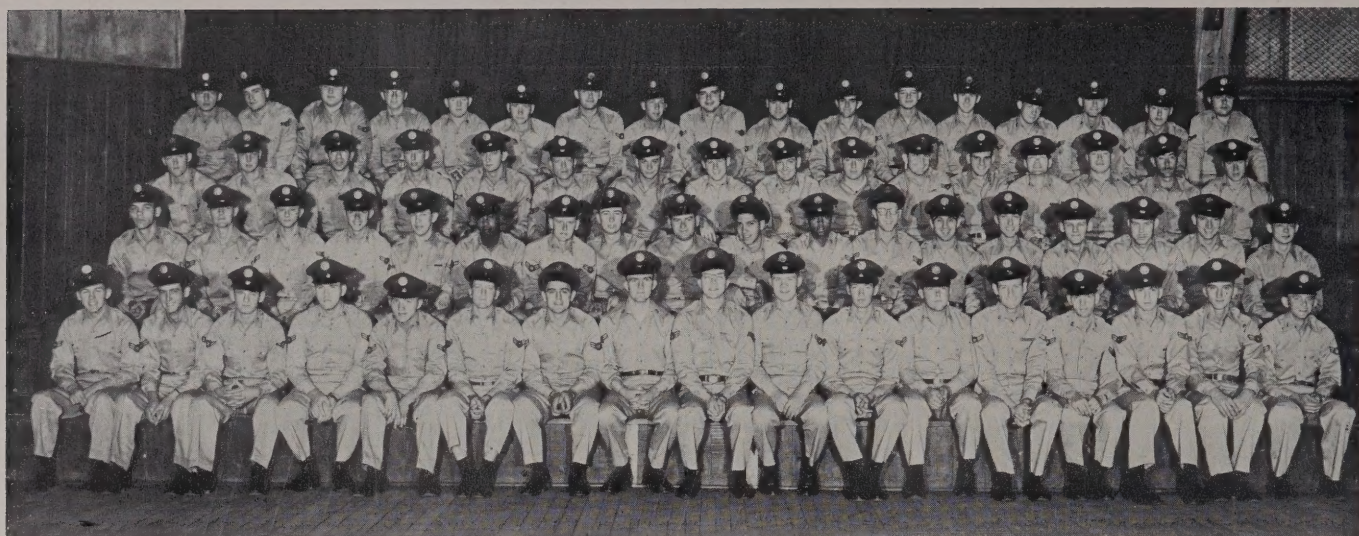
and

electronic counter-measures...

visual reconnaissance...

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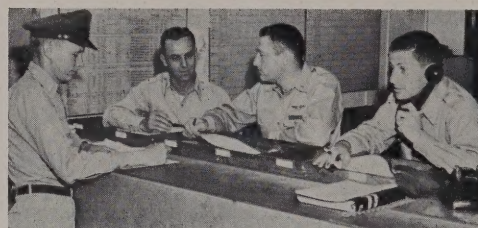
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Row #2, left to right, Tenney, Davis, Osiecki, Bessette, Davis, King, Tegethoff, Turcotte, Winaker, Coburn, Pena, French, Sainato, Piccinich, Draus, Price, Cahee and Snyder.

Row #3, left to right, Day, Huffman, Detore, Finch, Wenger, Corley, Weissman, Farnaud, Stammers, Ferrell, Crawford, Beal, Minnicks, Rogers, Smith and Blue.

Row #4, left to right, Woudell, Chrzanowski, Sinkwiz, Langan, Whitney, Britt, Mckinch, Wells, King, Mullis, Spell, Moritz, Buckland, Brown, Brodnax, Biron and Janis.

▼ navigators discuss problem—getting there and back



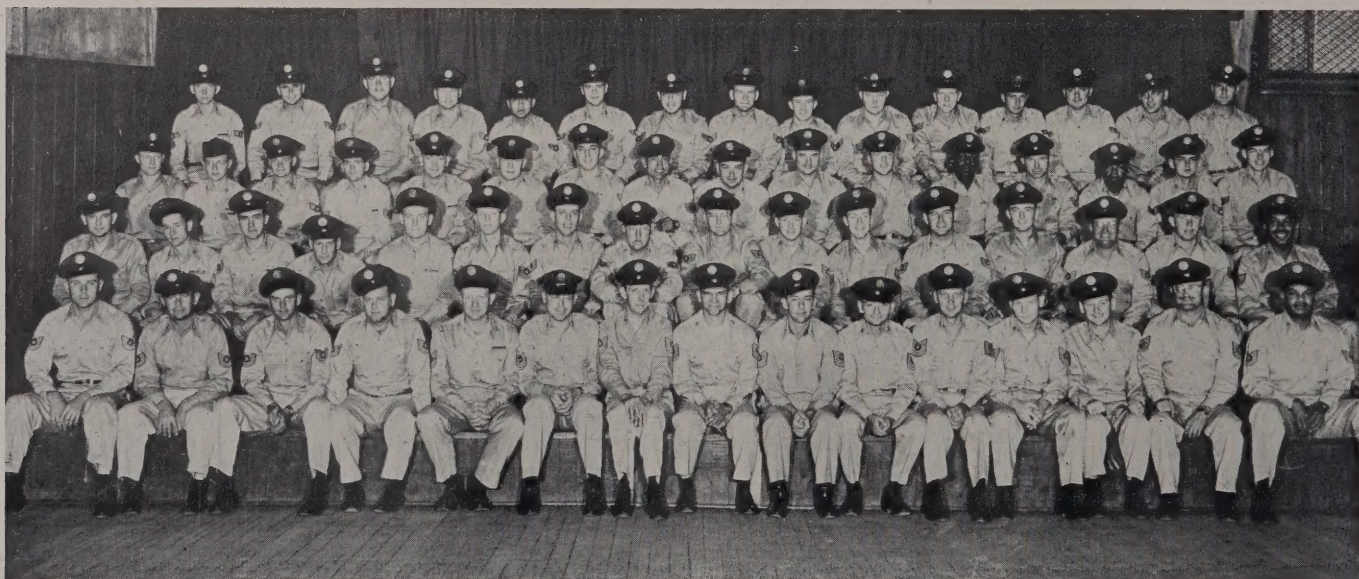
▲ missions begin and end in operations

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Row #2, left to right, Tyler, Eldridge, Hale, Allen, Lampton, Bratcher, Hull, Hoffman, Smith, Emmert, Ingraham, McClure, Koehler, Grip, Judd and Brown.

Row #3, left to right, Kosko, Fishwild, Olmstead, Pulliam, Frees, Lohndorf, Wallace, Flores, Hanson, Ehlers, Long, Vaughn, Johnson, Rogers, Pavel and McKinnie.

Row #4, left to right, Casdorph, Hildebrandt, Flageolle, Brown, Sanchez, Mullenax, Hetherington, Bliss, Marcus, McGee, King, Hathaway, McDaniel, Jans and Varnes.



11th tac recon squadron



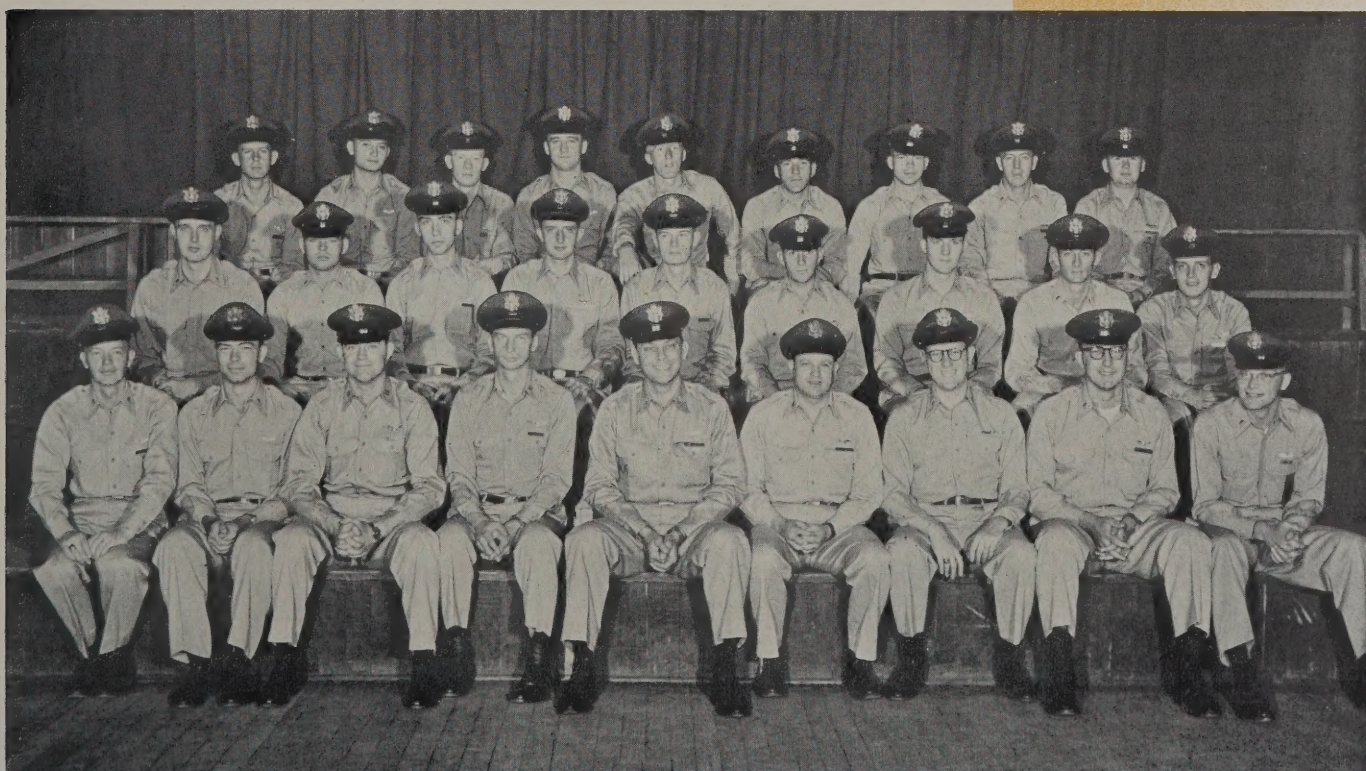
captain Grover, executive officer, Lt. Col. Shepherd, commander and lieutenant Cohen, personnel officer

On September 18th, 1953 the 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron came into being. Composed of the inactivated 6166th Air Weather Flight and the electronic reconnaissance component of the 12th Tac Recon Sq., their mission is two fold: weather and electronic reconnaissance.

The weather flights consist of daily missions regardless of conditions to compile data that will be helpful in forecasting weather conditions in the Korea and Japan area. The electronic phase is concerned with the gathering of intelligence with special emphasis on communications and radar activity. This information is utilized in compiling the electronic order of battle in the Far East theatre.

The 11th Tac Recon Sq. is unique in that it is constantly operational and retains its importance in time of peace as well as war. It is with pride they bear the name of "White Owls" and uphold their famous motto, "We Let You Know Before You Go."

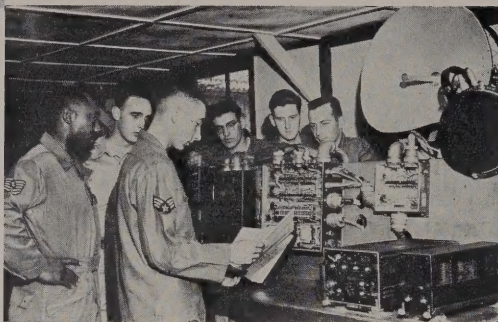
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Row #2, left to sight, Harper, Prouse, Kohrs, Mounce, Wineman, Chamberlain, Davies, Albers and Stark.
Row #3, left to right, Baird, Peterson, Steele, Waldvogel, Schaefer, Lancaster, Hemby, Ottinger and Borowski.





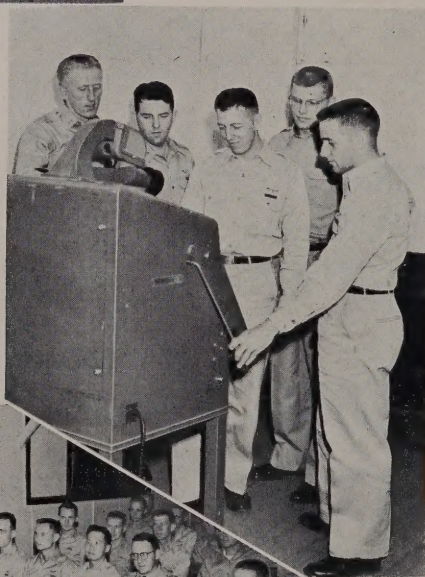
◀ final map check before take-off

communication complexities ▶



▲ supersonic balloons cushion runway bumps

intelligence chiefs collaborate ▶
on report



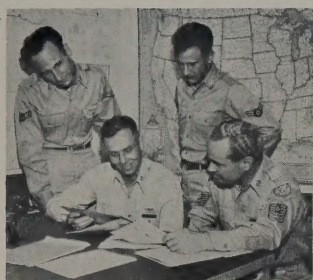
◀ radar photo results reviewed



▲ numerous flight topics discussed at daily briefings

▼ fighting the battle of
the UAL



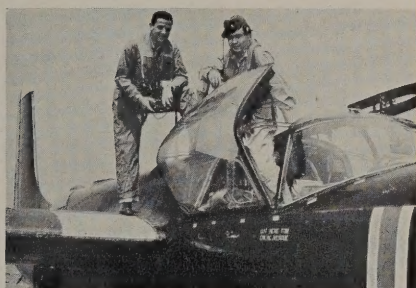


◀ flying time accomplished is worth a smile

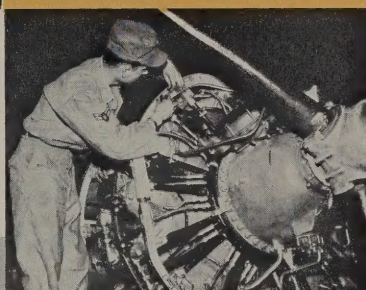
"stormy weather" or "blue skies"—their theme songs ▶



▼ yonder may not be blue for weather pilots



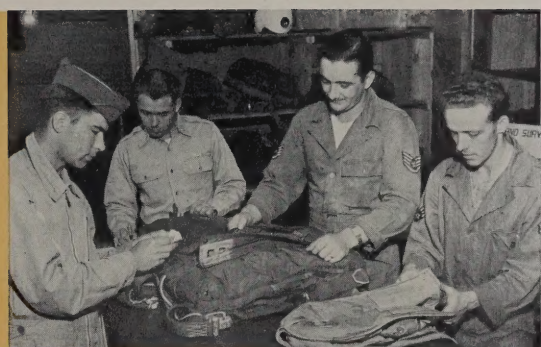
indispensable ground crews work 'round ▶ the clock



radio check prior to a/c ▶ installation



orderly room staff greets courier ▶



▲ personal equipment issues close friend—a chute and mae west



▲ storm paths plotted after a mission

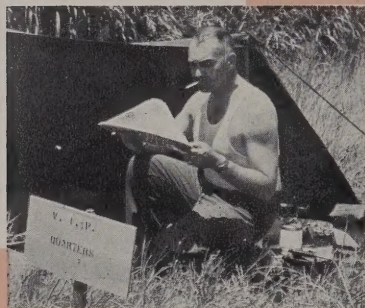
▼ hearty appetites after a day under the tropical sun



razor blade sales suffered during ► mobility exercise



▼ the colonel finds shade scarce at Yontan location



◀ morning briefing prior to mission runs

to many, Yontan recalled days ► at K-14



operation bugout

▼ tons of supplies spotted for loading



◀ maneuvers begin with C-124 airlift

each man their own KP come ► chow time



12th tac

night photo reconnaissance...

day photo and

visual recce...

processing and printing

the missions...

first phase

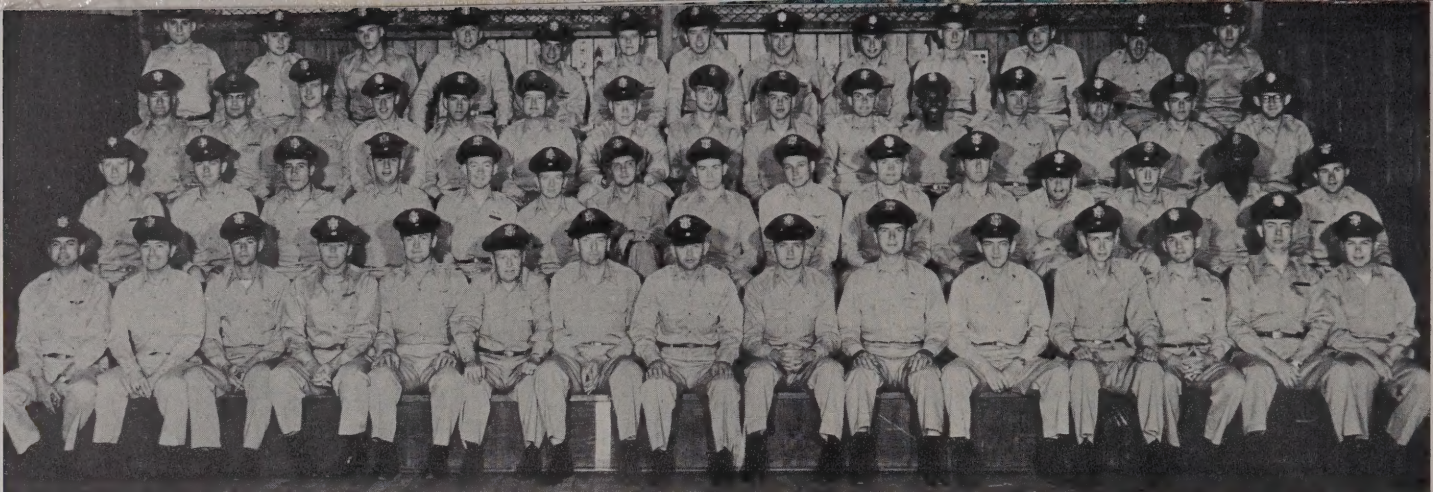
distribution

of prints

and immediate

intelligence reports...



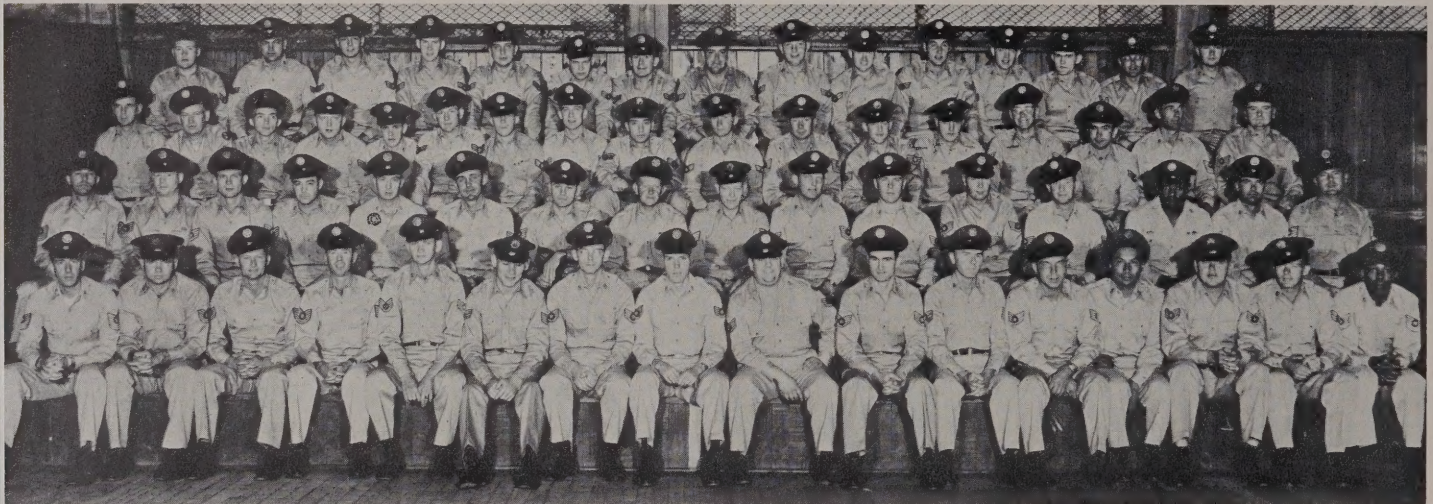


Row #1, left to right, Lopes, Petix, May, Malicki, Bradley, Edge, Williamson, Major Tharp commander, Estes, Taylor, Alderson, Shaw, Cooke, Townsend and Wohlpart.

Row #2, left to right, Webber, Hudson, Greco, Overman, Prater, Gerlipp, Taylor, Dauer, Muldoon, Higgins, L'Heureux, Christenson, Myers, Harrington and Branch.

Row #3, left to right, Cowin, Kimzey, MacCann, Fisher, Stanka, Pirkey, Stump, Simon, Harvey, Kamper, Ward, Laflamme, Chiapetta, Foster and Hassler.

Row #4, left to right, Stefanon, O'Neill, Helm, Miller, Miele, Huddle, Kilmer, Sicard, Friedman, Martin, Zumba, Kemps and Kessler.



Row #1, left to right, Dale, Craft, Smith, Gordon, Flynt, Wilkins, Beetlestone, Lostbom, Teeple, Lemka, Griffin, Rathel, Barney, Hardy, Stocks and Keyes.

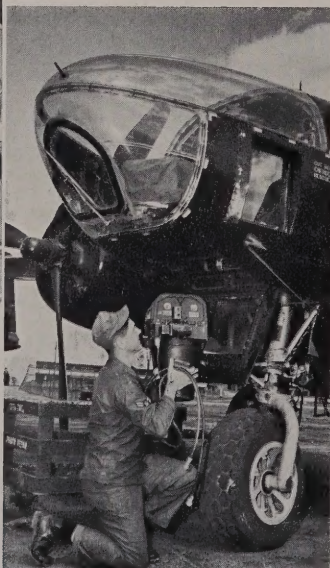
Row #2, left to right, McMahon, Frantzen, Hendrix, Oliver, Henry, Holland, McDonell, Anderson, Phillips, Orr, Ray, Johnson, Jacobs, Hill, Vogt, and Walker.

Row #3, left to right, Morgan, Madison, Sansom, Stank, Cornett, Dulaney, Waddell, Trueblood, Silva, Burt, Judd, Chadbourne, Guttu, Guttu, Hurford, Cragert and Wilcox.

Row #4, left to right, Landis, McClaid, Huettel, Moschner, McCurley, Ostler, Amatangelo, Jones, McNelis, Lawler, Fuchs, Kloos, Burton, Helm, and Mink.

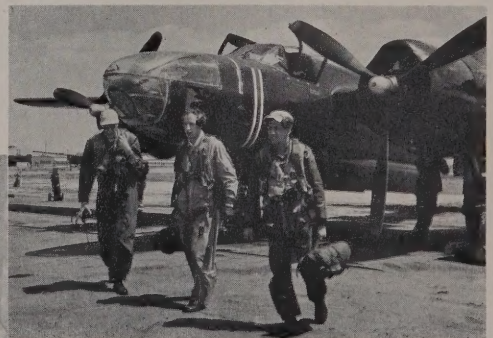


▲ camera repair keeps big "eyes" in shape



◀ a 12 inch vertical put in place

▲ supply chief checks... "we've got it"



▲ complete...one recce mission

12th tac recon squadron



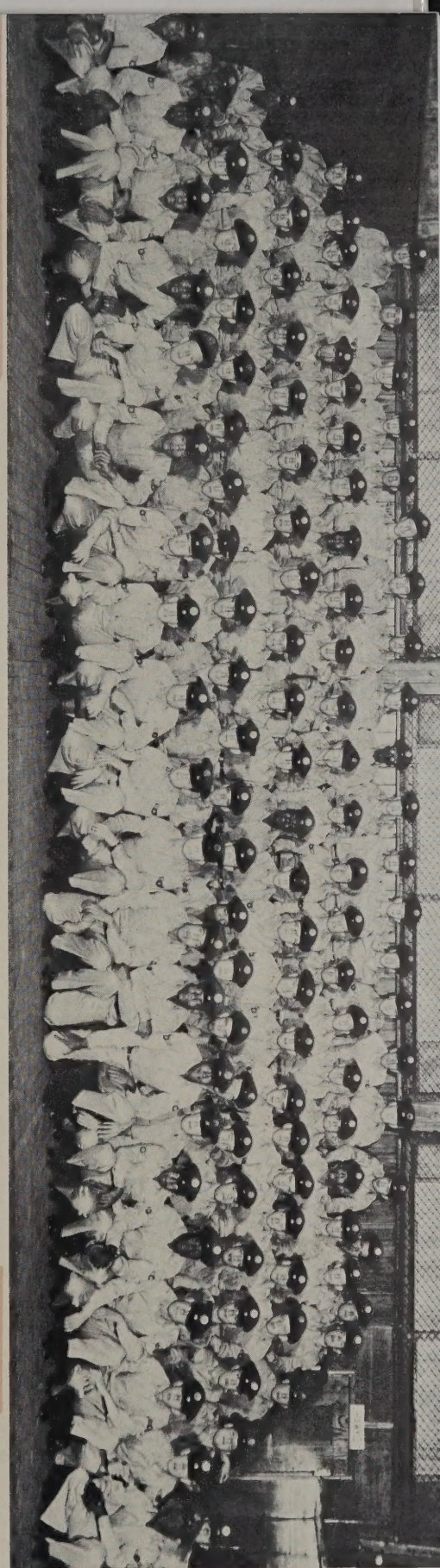
captain Estes, executive officer, lieutenant Townsend, personnel officer and major
Tharp, commander

Utilizing RB-26 type aircraft the 12th Tac Recon Squadron is charged with providing after-dark intelligence in the form of flash bomb photography and extensive visual reconnaissance. At the end of Korean hostilities in July, 1953, the 12th had become known as the Black-Bird squadron having flown a total of 12,275 missions. In view of the fact that approximately 90 percent of all usable intelligence gathered during the Korean War was the result of aerial photographic reconnaissance, it can be readily seen that the 12th, as the only night photo squadron in the Far East, made a large contribution in the recent conflict.

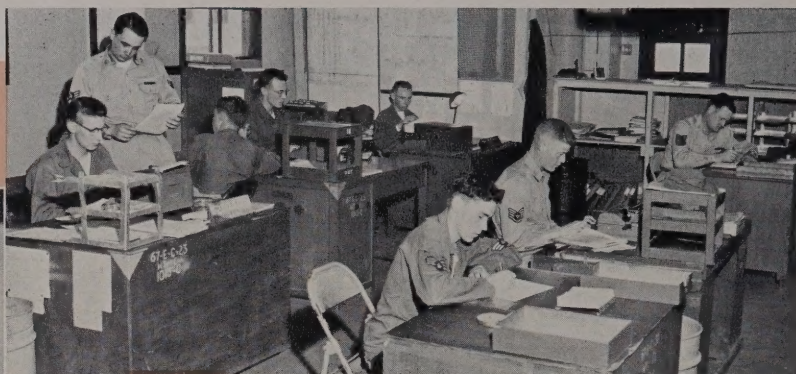
Recently the 12th won further acclaim by establishing a new all-time flying safety record of 20 consecutive months without a major aircraft accident.

Today the 12th stands prepared to continue this unique phase of reconnaissance, night photo, along with its many other diversified forms of tactical reconnaissance.

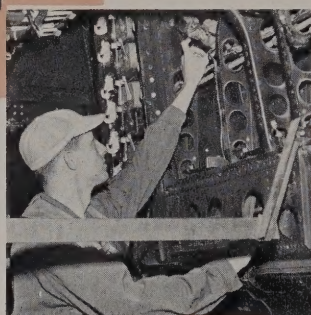
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the administrative picture—12th wise ▶



◀ a perfect print out of the "soup" ▶



careful pre-flight checks equal long flying safety records ▶

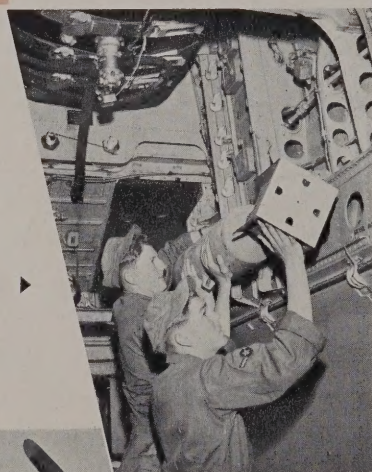
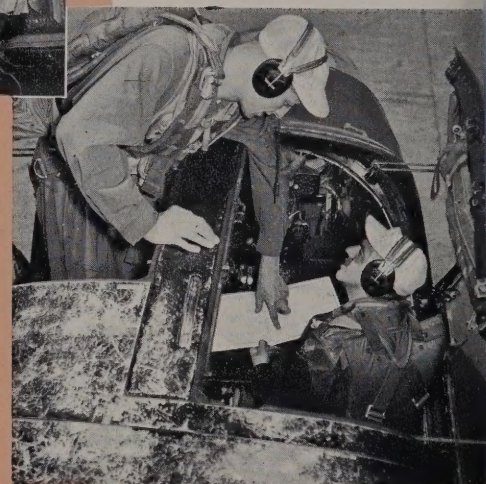
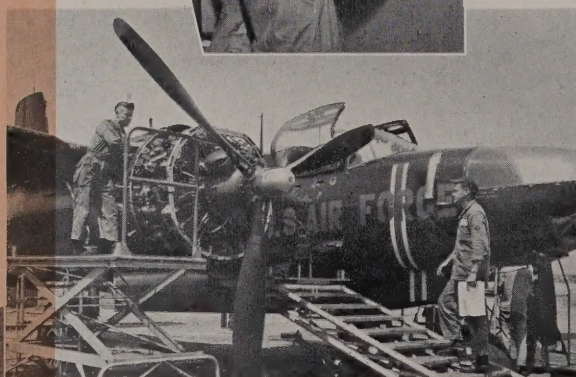


photo flash bombs... "light from darkness" ▶



▶ the Form 1 check prior to take-off

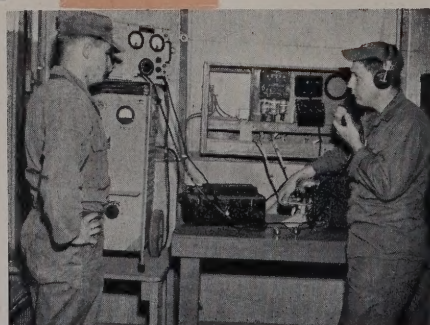


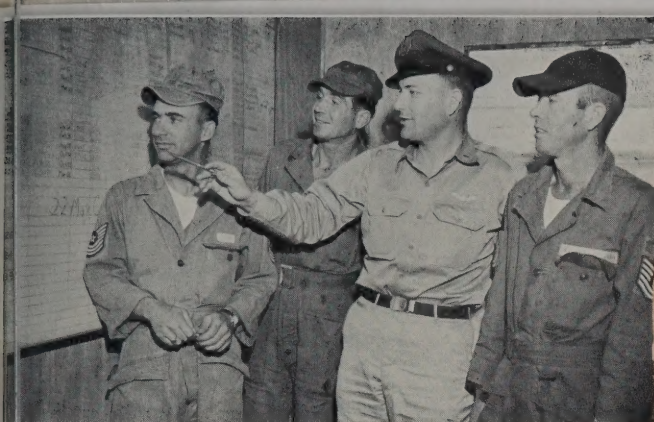
◀ a maintenance crew gives an RB-26 its "physical" ▶



◀ mission mathematics...plotting the target route ▶

"calling all cars" ▶





the aircraft-in-commission status looks good ▲

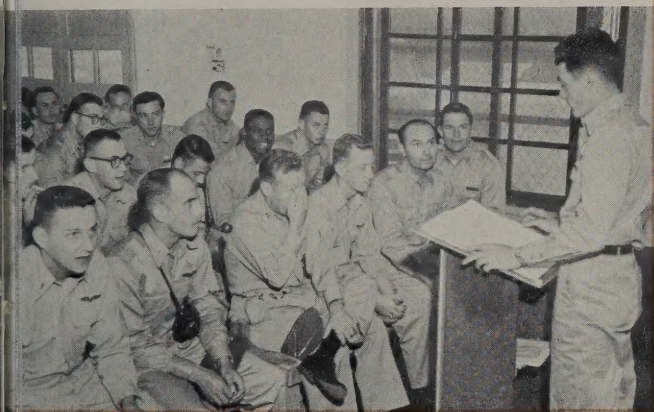


▲ intelligence...where plans of planes and men are made

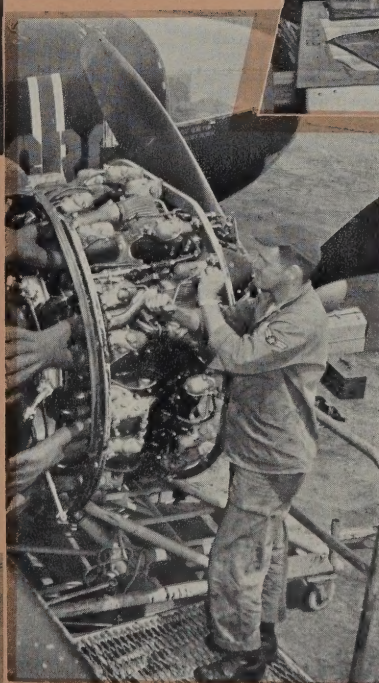


rolls of film come hot off the dryer ►

◀ PI's extract intelligence from photos



daily ops briefings keep troops current ▲



◀ engine tune-up, Air Force style

"you're scheduled for four hours of instrument flying" ▼



▼ always check parachutes before use





utilizes RF-80 and RF-86's...

photo jet

and visual reconnaissance...

first phase photographic

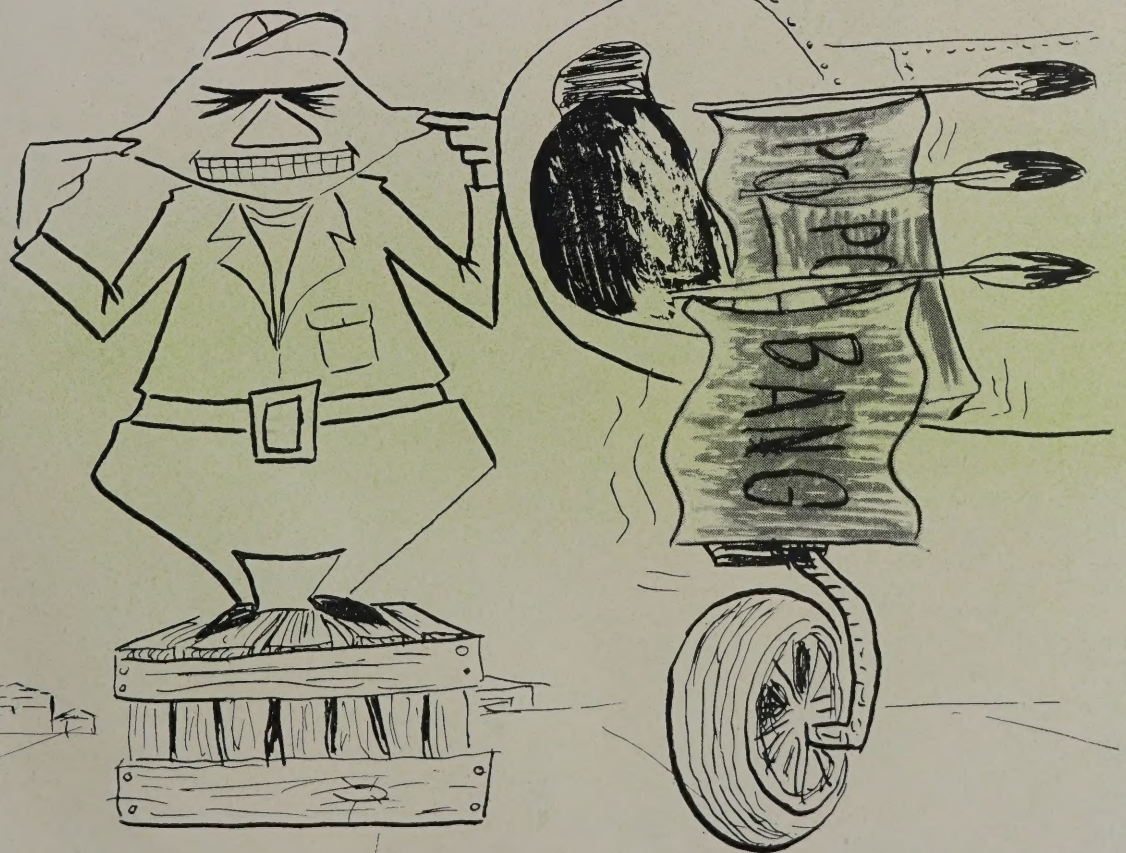
production...

immediate intelligence reports...

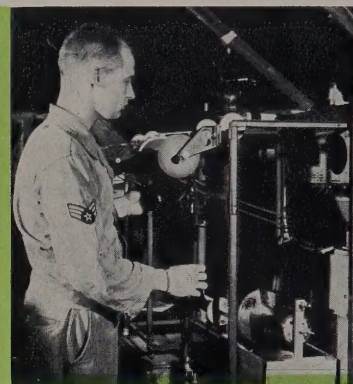
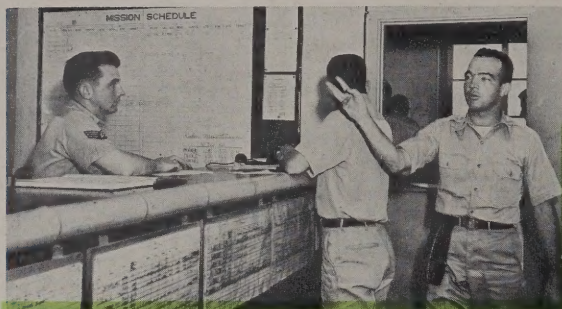
operate from Yokota Air Base...

FEAF's high altitude eyes...

15th TAC

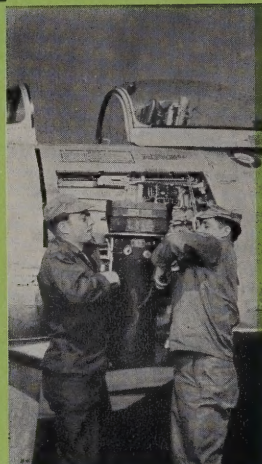


▼ three up this morning for mosaic run

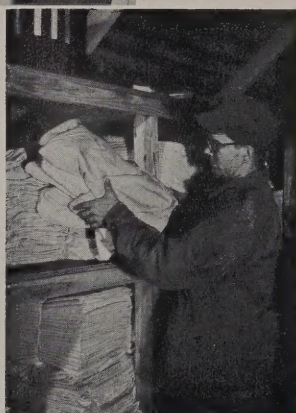


▲ aerial film put through the wringer

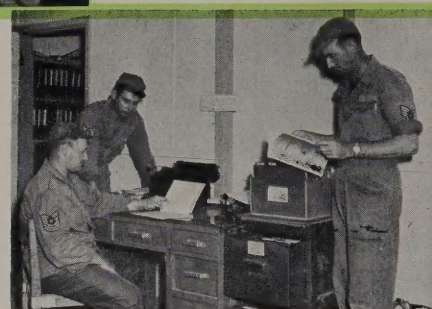
◀ camera repairmen study complexities of film magazine



◀ the "long tom" of aerial cameras loaded into RF-86



◀ supply in for sheet exchange



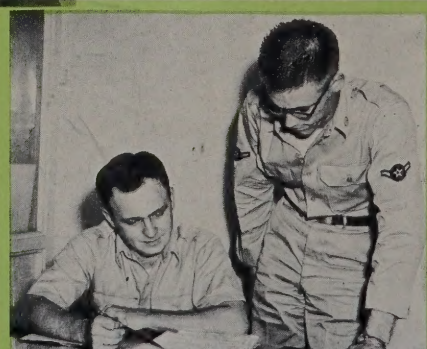
▲ tech supply and engineering NCO's confer

jet's pipes pictured for UR ▶

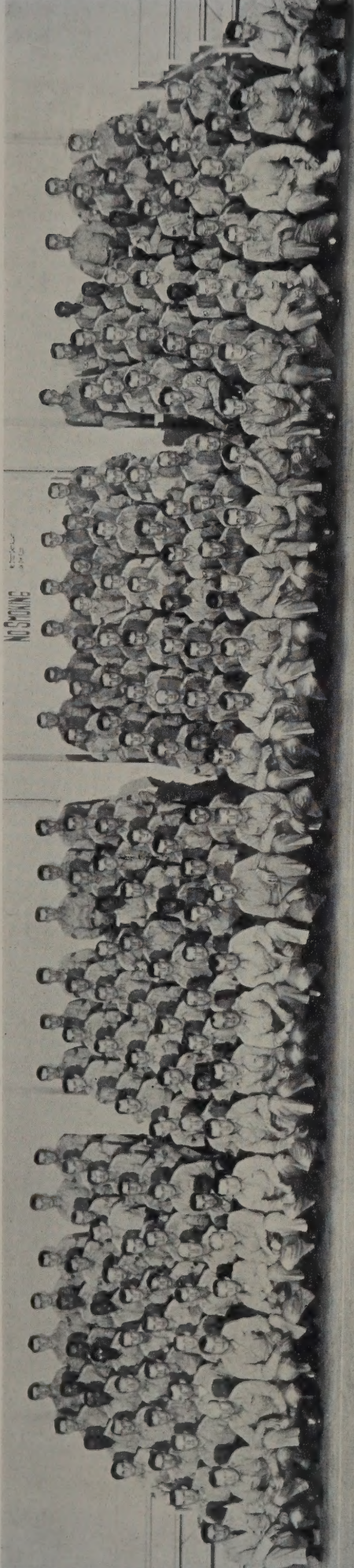


Sabre sips JP-4 prior to recce mission ▼

▼ correspondence draft approved by adjutant



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Row #1, left to right; Becker, Lindberg, McGill, Semler, Thoman, Rice, Young, Reiser, Pine, Koch, Sholl, Hinson, Lt. Col. Jenkins, commander, Clifford, Walls, Ward, Dean, Stewart, Patterson, Caldwell, LaMarsh, Foley, McCarthey, Blanchard, Kummero and Semonin. Row #2, left to right; Anderson, Lowery, Tompkins, Collie, Simmons, Reid, Martin, Pfeiffer, Lee, Nixon, Koster, Quonoz, Foushee, Borden, Cordes, Quiaoit, Travis, Smith, Williams, Peters, Ressico, Lindstrom, Worsham, Page, Leiphart, Sevs and Tailor Row #3, left to right; Coons, Newman, Campbell, Bishop, White, Kirby, Milan, Elliott, Harshorn, Hagen, Varlanos, Wilson, Delancey, Burford, Sipes, Chenier, Tuck, Frazer, Berg, Green, Meley, Ashton, Treadway, Baylor, Long, Holmes and Gore Row #4, left to right; Ragosta, Bee, Webb, Mitchell, Jackson, Olson, Mears, Hart, Picciano, Roster, Jackson, Schultz, Bithell, McCannon, Kelsch, Rice, Mason, Foreman, Clark, Detlie, Ried, Matthias, Zamudio, Trauger and Houghton Row #5, left to right; Payton, Wright, Thornton, Fisher, Wilt, Jansen, Stephenson, Potter, Hanlon, Farquhar, Broyles, Bennett, Galloway, Pickrel, Lane, Burnett, Rodgers, Brown, Finney, Dimmig, Decanio, Higgs, Kinney, Kelley, Quast and Abbott Row #6, left to right; Christian, Brooks, Smith, Richardson, Cosse, Neissler, Childs, Marcial, Lohr, McKinney, Hollis, Birdsell, Neithercutt, Smallcombe, Piasecke, Urban, Lynn, Potter, Hudson, King, Banazak, Hubbard, McKinnon and Swanson Row #7, left to right; Apostle, Kelley, Schroeder, Sherman, Rushing, Hargus, Burham, Runnton, Broussards, Duncan, Hellstrom, Bednar, Sodano, Herzog, Shields, Simon, King, Fox, Pelton, Runkle, Carr, Lesperance and Dzedzy



▲ Lt. Col. E. K. Jenkins, commander

15th tac recon squadron

Flying RF-80 and RF-86 type aircraft, the 15th Tac Recon Squadron continues its primary mission of photo and visual reconnaissance today as it did during the days of the Korean War.

The 15th was the first unit of the 67th Wing to be deployed from Korea to Japan. In March, 1954 the Cotton Pickers set up headquarters at Komaki Air Base and partially converted to the faster RF-86.

Their stay at Komaki was limited to 17 months for August, 1955 found the men of the 15th on the move again, this time establishing their home base at Yokota, a few miles outside Tokyo.

Always a colorful and exciting squadron bearing the title, "Every Man a Tiger", the 15th, under the experienced hand of Lt. Col. E. K. Jenkins, commander, stands ready to guard the peace by constant every day training and continual improvements in the field of tactical reconnaissance.

▼ "haymakers" await the day's assignment

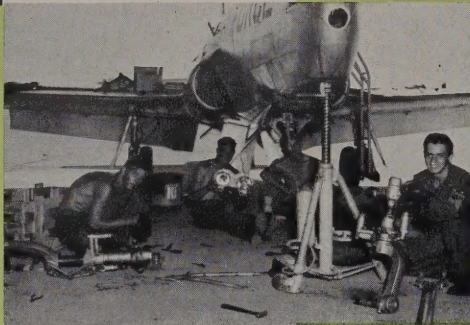




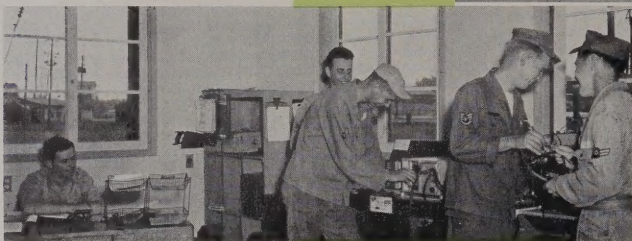
pilot and crew chief pre-flight ▶
their bird



tools, tools and more tools ▲



◀ RF-80 gear repair



◀ comm technicians put latest techniques to work



target coverage checked by PI's ▲

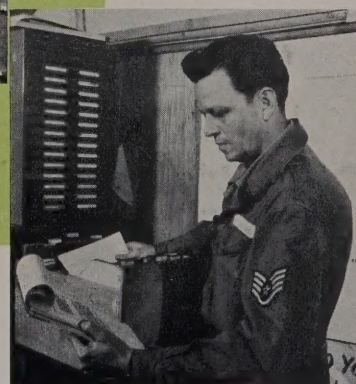


▲ take 'em and remake 'em—camera repair's job

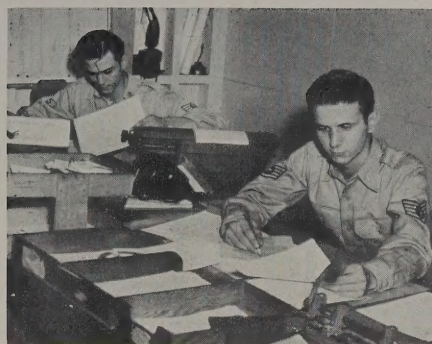
intelligence points the way to assigned targets ▼



mail call and a letter from home ▲



▼ account files in order



◀ orderly room components—finance and classification clerks



◀ in-commission rate above par



▲ masked "Tiger" ready for take-off



▼ depleted film supply restocked with Class L



▲ jockeys briefed at morning session

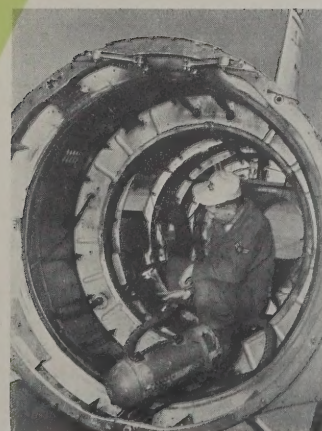


◀ RF-86 receives fresh roll for afternoon jaunt

Cotton Picker's supply officer ▶



Sabre gets dusting—"Good Housekeeping" would approve ▶





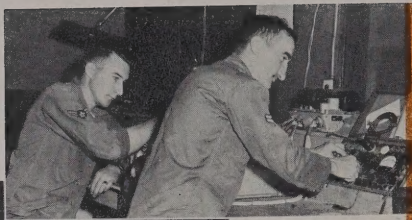
wing's northern Honchu
representative ...
headquarters at
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northern Japan ...
large photo reproduction
capabilities ...
polka dot veterans
of the Korean war ...

45th F

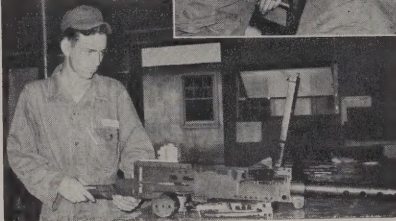




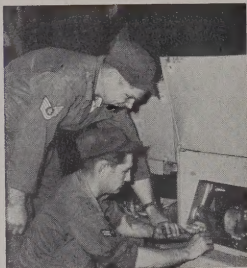
▲ stereo pairs give photos 3-D effect



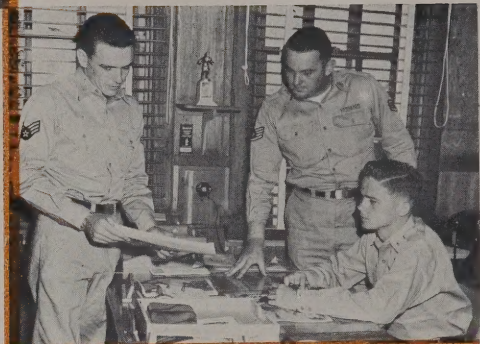
◀ ARC-3 tubes get inspection



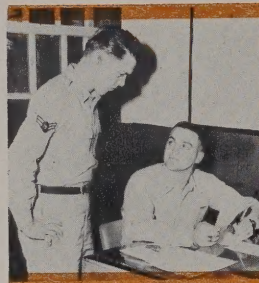
▲ .50 cal. bench check



▲ auxilliary power units must be ready when needed



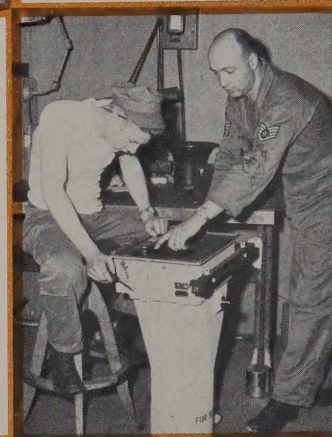
▲ production conference in the photo lab



◀ morning report "once over"



huge cameras require constant care ▶



◀ personal equipment issues "bailout insurance"

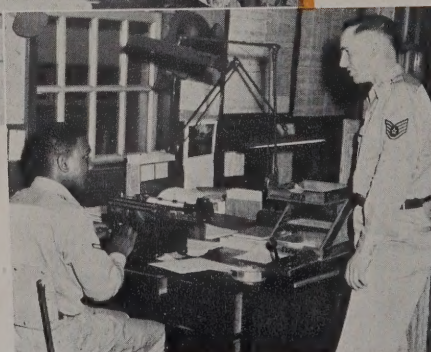


▲ supply inventory

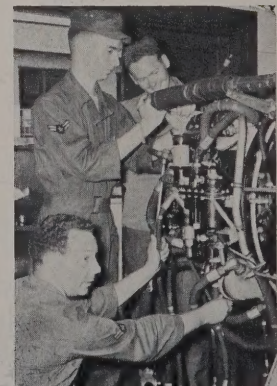


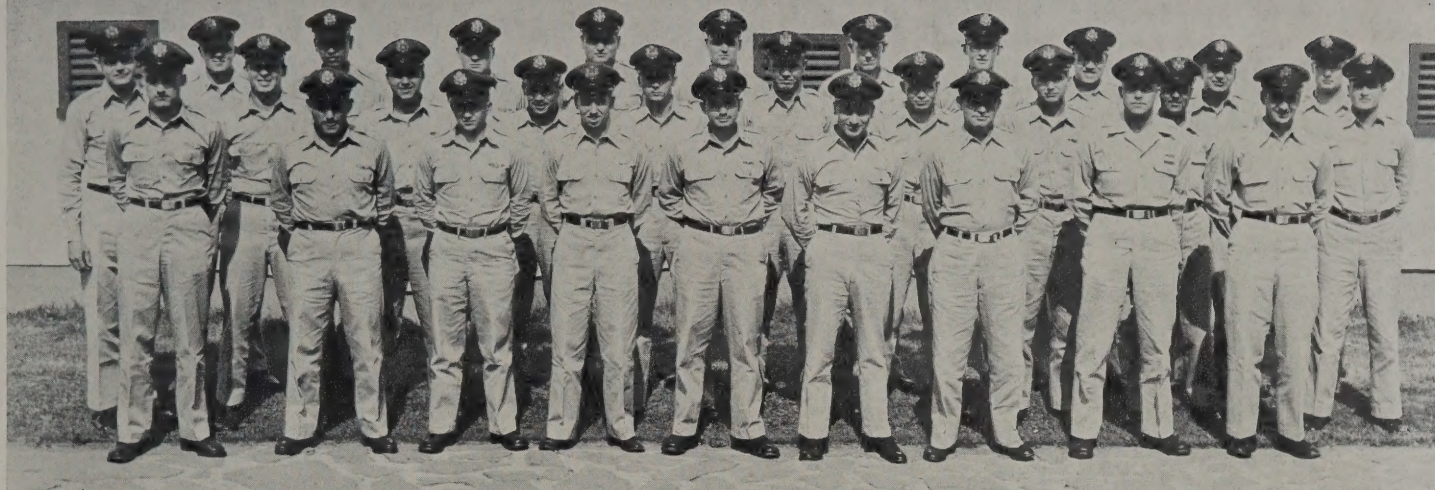
orderly room conducts regular records review ▶

◀ Flight plans are filed in Ops



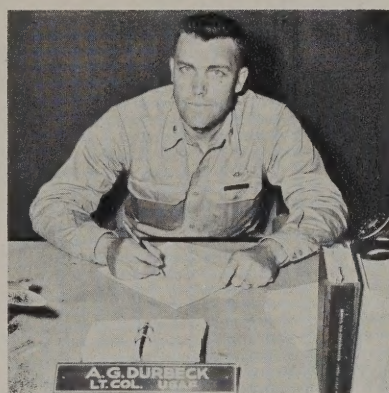
jet's power plant receives overhaul ▼





Row #1, left to right, Knott, Martinez, Severtson, Hogan, Bass, Houck, Bayley, Lt. Col. Durbeck, commander and Vincent; Row #2, Hosmer, McConnell, Gerth, Boland, Geary, Callahan, Meis, Powell, Joaquim and Comer; Row #3, Stephenson, Olivares, Kastens, Wargo, Rose, Farris, Carr, McDonald, Johnson and Evans

There have been a good many changes among the Polka Dots since the days of RF-51's and combat missions behind the lines in Korea. The squadron now hangs it's gear at Misawa Air Base in Northern Honshyu having moved from Kimpo Air Base, Korea in March of 1955. Jet aircraft now sparkle on the ramp with which the men of the 45th carry on the mission of performing both visual and photographic reconnaissance.

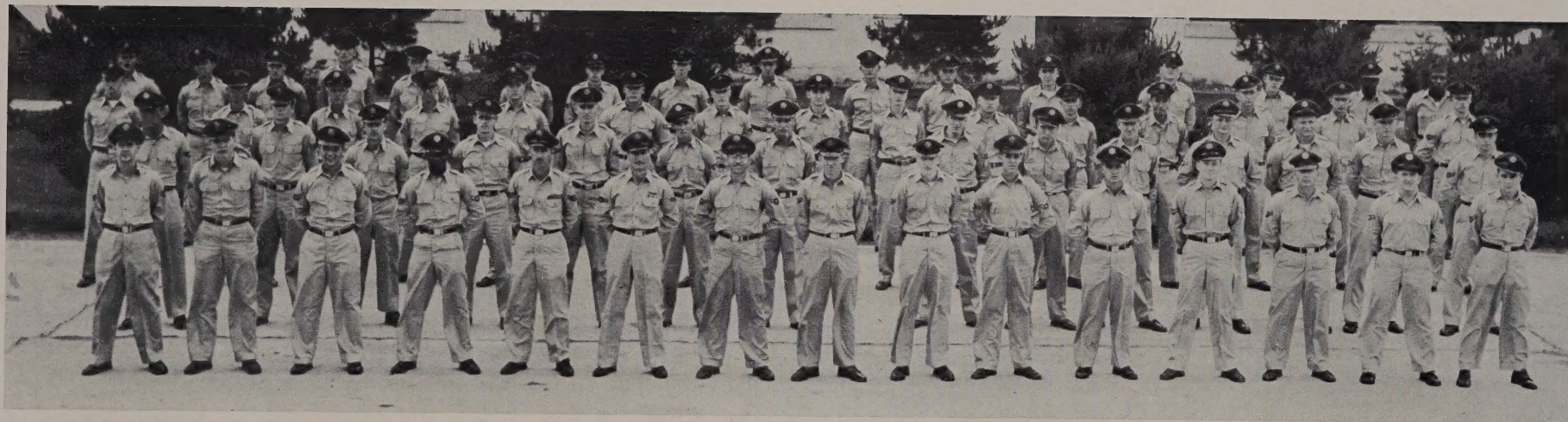


45th tac recon sqd

Although they now wend their way over Japan instead of Korea to get the recce information, the 45th is still the highly efficient organization it was during the Korean conflict. Its record of accomplishments continues to be as outstanding as that attained during combat conditions. Now under the command of Lt. Col. Durbeck (show above), the squadron is maintaining its proficiency through continuous training... ready always to be first and last over the target.

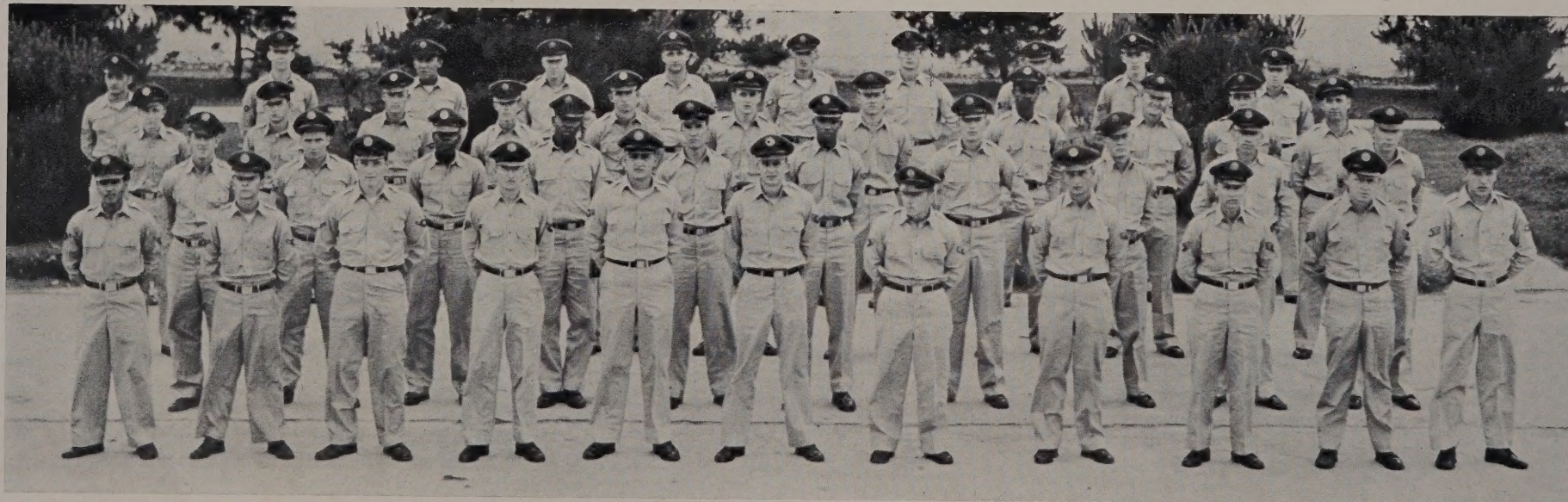


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Row #1, left to right, Bailey, Ristow, Marinaccio, Washington, Grafton, Pierson, Braxton, Hall, Dutchers, Roberto, Edison, Coughnour, Saunders, Handley, and Melusky; Row #2, Walters, French, Cate, Wheeler, Rose, James, Hermosillo, Bybee, Jackson, Slane, Voyles, Egbert, Clark and Moretti; Row #3, Kirby, Schaefer, Holt, Falkowitch, Doherty, Ware, Meyers, Araine, Olson, McDermott, Bass, Burman, Gebhardt, Dimmitt and Appling; Row #4, Fuller, Gerigo, Arnold, Ermini, Hames, Simmons, Durdett, Deeren, Demars, Jacobs, Buelling, Harper, Clouse, Williams and Jones

Row #1, left to right Medero, Ramos, Vitalim, Mason, Moore, Stahl, Nelson, Byrns, Cooperman, Gill, and Baker; Row #2, Parffit, Goss, Landon, Williamson, Barfus, Summerford, Ouillette, Rea, McLain and Tuell; Row #3, Hatley, Godat, Walsh, Jorgenson, Rylee, Ward, Mueller, Cox, McDougal, May and Cook; Row #4, Golio, Driscoll, Rock, Thomson, Greene, Adams, Morgan, James, Jobson and Hawthorne



to arms! ... if need be. ▶



◀ automatic film processing while you wait



▲ crew chiefs keep 'em flyin'

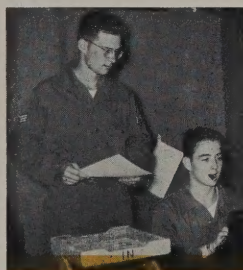


◀ first sergeant helps compile duty roster



◀ maintenance bull session

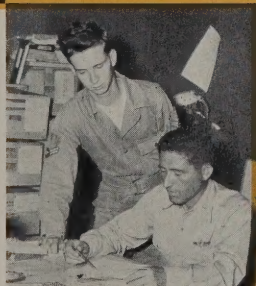
print production line ▶



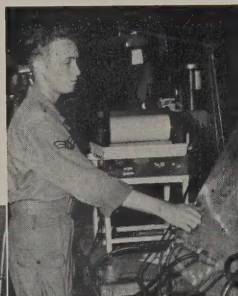
◀ intelligence report in the making



◀ instrument panel deserves special attention



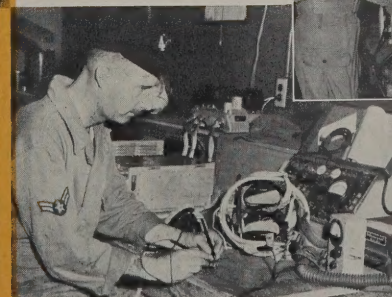
◀ operational statistics are a vital necessity



magazine of film goes aboard ▲
for recce mission



"fly fast hats" gets audio test ▶



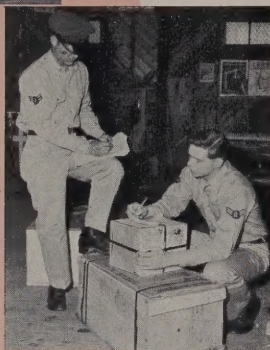
▲ film transport is checked prior to final loading

from TR's to furniture—
transportation's job ▼



responsibility
and supervision of
field maintenance,
supply
and motor vehicle
squadrons ...

m and s group hqs



transportation warehouse processes ▲
personal hold-baggage



leave requests reach ▲
personnel

Supervising the many activities of the Field Maintenance, Supply and Motor Vehicle squadrons, the 67th Maintenance and Supply Group Headquarters had a busy year.

There were many changes, activities to coordinate and an airlift across the Sea of Japan. It was the job of M & S Group to monitor the packing, surface transportation and disbursement of equipment upon arrival when the Wing made its big move in December.

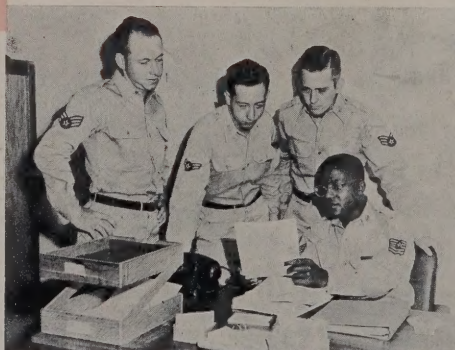
Three commanders in a single year kept the group adjusting their policies to conform but always striving and maintaining the many sections to function as one. And as a result the year produced a large and complete base supply, a new commissary and in the very near future a clothing sales store.



Row #1, left to right; Wiley, Ford, Boutwell, Ramirez, Swalina, Kriner, Beach and Ogden
Row #2, left to right; Byers, Conwell, Farrell, Griffin, Halpin and Newbauer

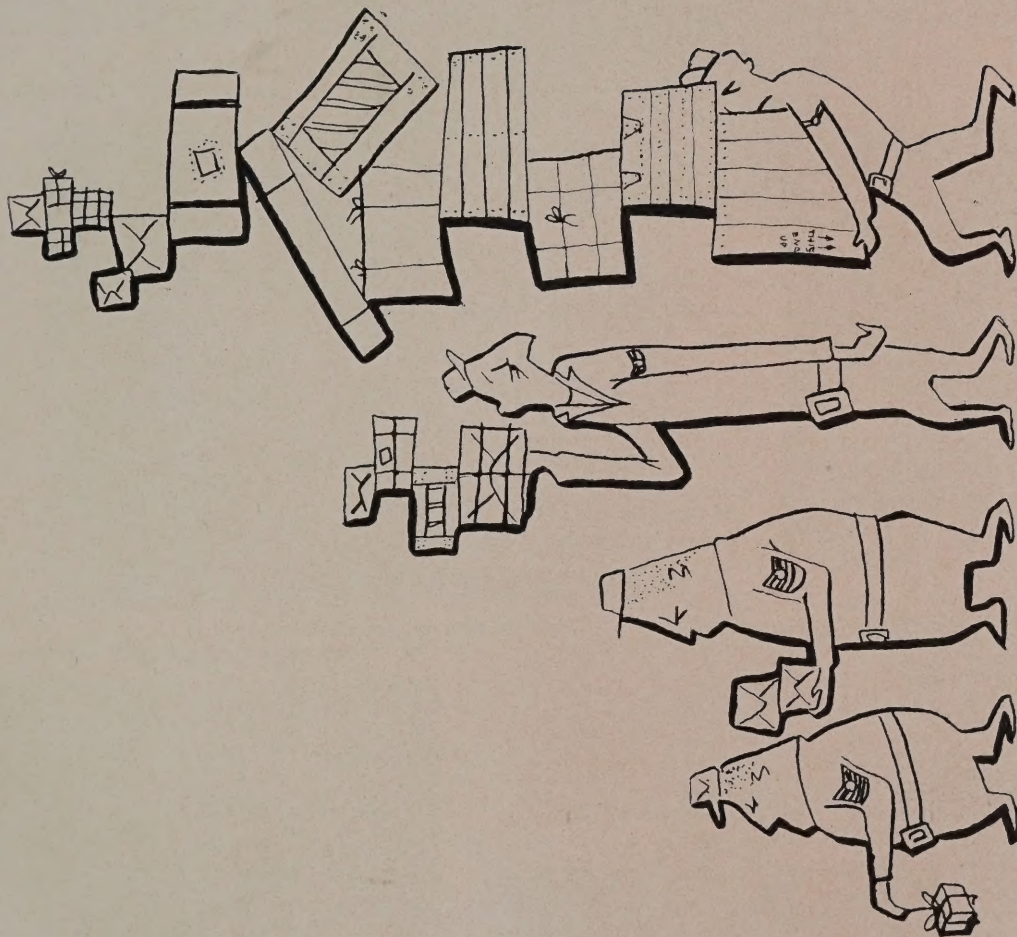


▲ maintenance master-minds



▲ adjutant quartet scans daily distribution

laundry exchange...
the commissary...
clothing sales store...
responsibility for salvage
and disposal...
POL storage...
refueling and
the gas station...
operation of base supply...



supply



◀ base supply officer

property accounting honchos ▶
mull stock reports

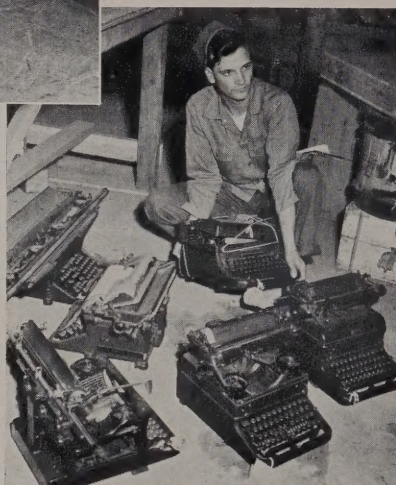


◀ parcels picked-up for waiting unit



◀ needed supplies dispersed
rapidly from general warehouse

red tagged and out—story of ▶
salvaged typewriter



◀ posting section

R-A-G-G mopp dispersed at house
▼ keeping counter

▼ inventory team brings supply data up to date



▼ "be sure with pure"—
government gas



▼ laundry's motto—you dirty 'em and we clean 'em





Row #1, left to right, Sizemore, Shepherd, Loftin, Meell, Mooney, Lt. Col. Newbauer, commander, Spindler, Jones, Sklanka and Miller. Row #2, left to right, Corey, Miller, Manson, Davis, Bean, Clark, Sweeney, Brown, Powers, Jones, Jackson and Rohrbaugh. Row #3, left to right, Spencer, Newbern, Hyler, Anderson, Lanning, Young, Lahait, Elmer, Lucas, Morgan, Grate and Perez. Row #4, left to right, Baker, Brown, Hendricks, Ioka, Connerley, Suhling, Bogue, Vest, Merritt, Hamrick and Evans.



▲ Lt. Col. Newbauer, commander, and M/Sgt Loftin, first sergeant

The 67th Supply Squadron holds the distinction of being the first unit to arrive at Itami from the Wing's old site in Korea.

Setting up headquarters on October 24th, 1954, all arriving personnel were attached to the squadron for administrative and logistical support until the Wing arrived to the modern confines of Itami on December 10th.

A new base supply account had to be established in order to service the various units of the Wing in its new surroundings. Other accomplishments marked by the squadron this past year included the opening of a base commissary after many months of hard work and similar action taken on a sales clothing store expected to begin operation in September of this year.

The job of supply is not an easy one and it carries a heavy responsibility, for no military organization can perform effectively without a smooth-functioning supply unit.

67th supply squadron



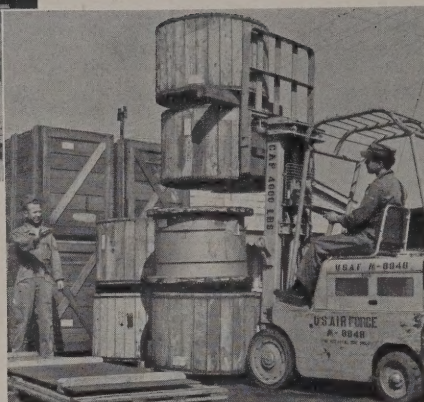
▲ fuel trucks gulp high octain gas

▼ supermarket type commissary—food for our pantry





materiel facilities chief and clerk ▲



new shipment spotted in open storage yard ►



▲ unit supply gathering

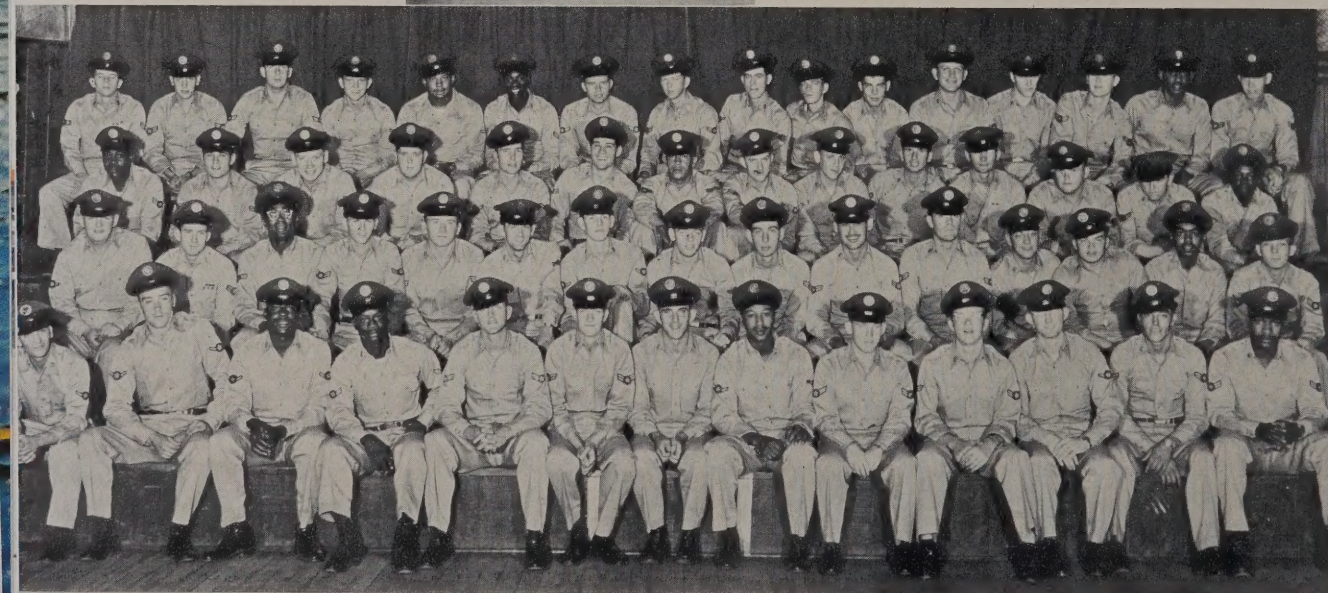


supply records vouchered ▲



▲ adjutant section supplies oil for smooth operation

◀ fill 'er up



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base taxi service...

providing for dependent

transportation...

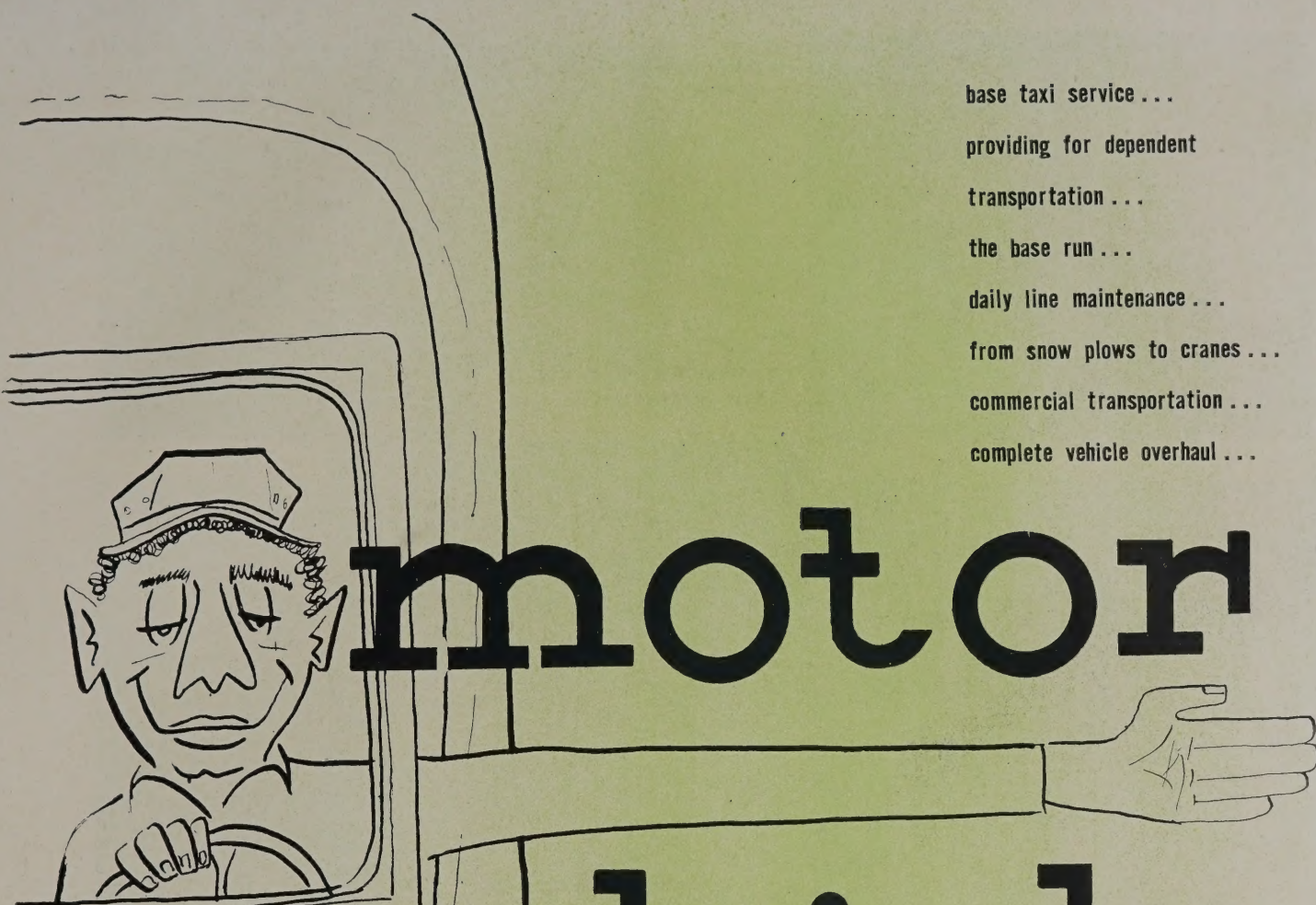
the base run...

daily line maintenance...

from snow plows to cranes...

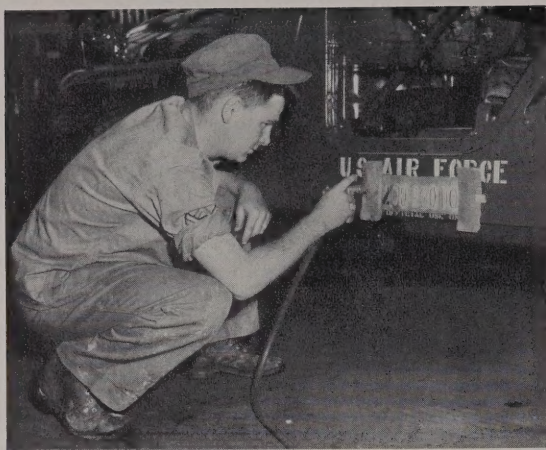
commercial transportation...

complete vehicle overhaul...

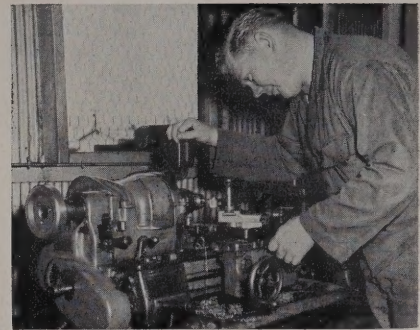


motor

vehicle



◀ paint shop—you can't tell a truck without a number



machine parts made to order ▶
from motor pool shop



motor pool's starting line-up ▶



orderly room staff in high gear ▲



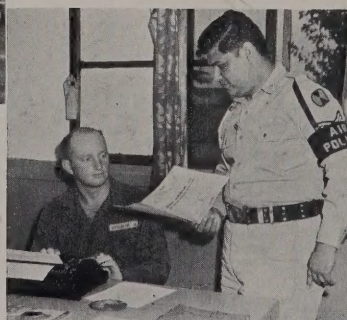
production control! ▶



taxi jeeps dispatched here ▶



▲ constant use demands daily care



drivers go to school! before obtaining ▶
government license



▲ heavy equipment rolls out



▲ motor pool section heads

motor vehicle squadron



Row #1, left to right, Winn, Kochan, Jackson, Tention, Smalley, Books, Major Nickerson, commander, White, Nelson, Sibert and Holladay. Row #2, left to right, Schroepe, Rioux, Hinton, Miles, Barker, Butler, Hailey, Peterson, Register, Burris and Hobbs. Row #3, left to right, Vicknair, Jenkins, Hurst, Howse, Spears, Pugh, Kaye, Brown, Giles, Cox and Hudson. Row #4, left to right, Thompson, Belcher, Irons, Grimes, Brown, Stewart, Lawrence, Wolf, Harmon, Griggs, Horwath and Gay.



▲ Lt. Brasuell, Lt. Sickles, Mr White and Major Nickerson, Commander

The 67th Motor Vehicle Squadron, better known as the Roadrunners, provide complete surface transportation for the 67th Tac Recon Wing.

Shortly before the Wing moved from Korea last December, this squadron established a new Air Force wide safety record by compiling a total of 952,145 accident free miles. This outstanding accomplishment is even more significant when considered that these miles were over rough, narrow and often times dangerous Korean roads.

During the actual move of the Wing the Roadrunners kept extremely busy moving tons of equipment both in Korea and later in Japan. Recently a commercial transportation section was assigned to this unit in order to better perform the mission.

The squadron, augmented by a large Japanese civilian work force, has been taxed to the fullest many times in order to keep the Itami transportation program running effectively.



◀ numerous mechanical parts keep tech supply men hustling



base run—sure beats walking ▶



▲ mighty-mites of transportation



▲ welders discuss automotive situation



records balance in unit supply ▶



▲ taxi jeep off on a run



▲ carbines receive thorough inspection

production control...

communications and wiring...

engine assembly...

welding, sheet metal,

tap and drill...

tire build-up...

the fabrication of parts...

parachute packing...

painting and hydraulics...



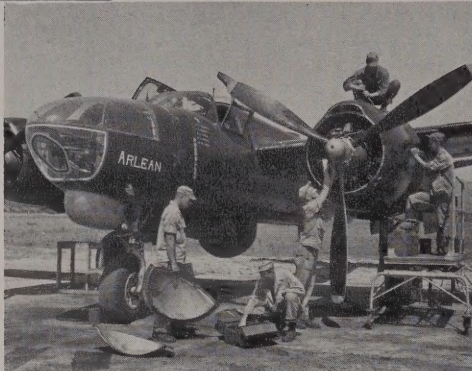
field maintenance



◀ windmill setters

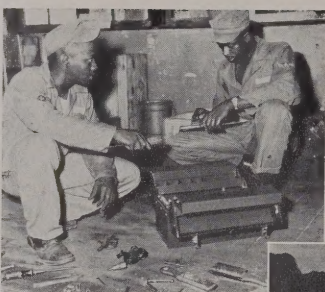


▲ gasoline alley

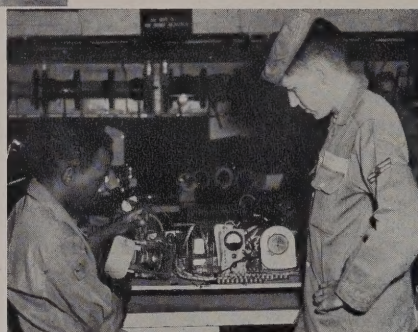


Arlean gets a face lift ▶

instruments demand
delicate work ▶



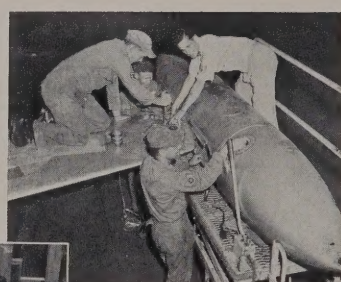
◀ tooling around in
the crib



◀ each chute with a life-
saving guarantee



keeping tip tank in ▶
top trim



◀ comm equipment
in for T.O.C.



▲ air frame repair

communication ▶
maintenance



▲ skillful tinsmiths fabricate parts



◀ officers and branch chiefs

Late in November of 1954, orders were given for the 67th TRW to evacuate from Kimpo Korea to Itami Japan. The 67th Maintenance Squadron, one of the largest outfits on the field played a big part in the move. There were many happy faces when planes started to land here at Itami. A great turnover was made in the squadron and the name was changed to Field Maintenance Squadron. There was plenty of work to be done, and with cooperation, it was done in record time.

When operation "Bug Out" came along on 22 June 55, Field Maintenance was prepared to meet the challenge. Equipment was set up on the site in Okinawa as it would be at the home base. Everything went along fine and the men came home sunburned, tired but happy.

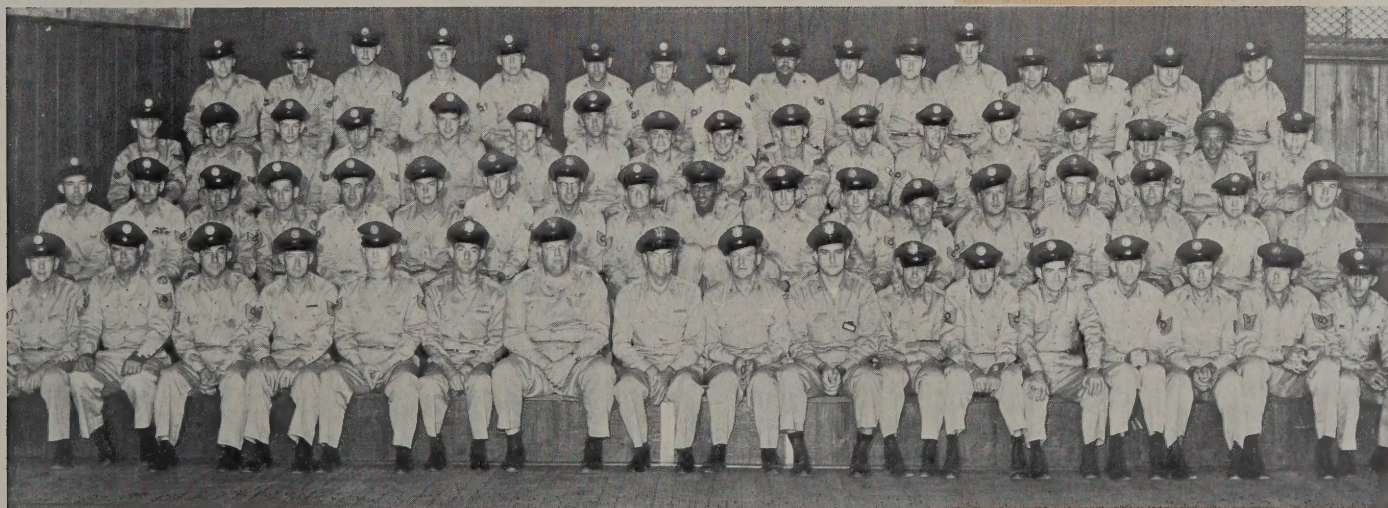
The tremendous diversification of Field Maintenance can readily be seen by touring the many shops on a normal work day. Every phase of aircraft maintenance is performed to keep the 67th planes in the air.

With officers and airmen working together, the Field Maintenance Squadron is proud of a job well done and equally proud of a job being well done.

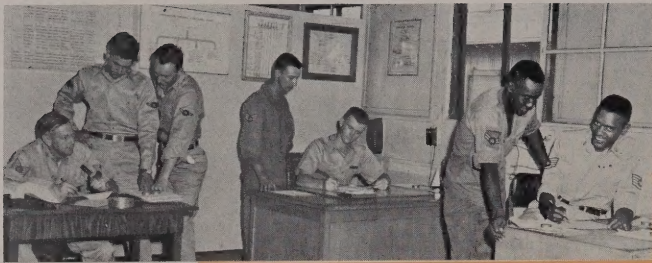


▲ Lt. Col. Montgomery, commander and Lt. Priovolos, adjutant

field maintenance squadron



Row #1, left to right, Amos, Cheney, King, Bristow Wilson, Cockrum, Lt. Col. Montgomery, commander, Pedersen, Priovolos, Campbell, Collins, Larsen, Garner, Retter, McKindley and McBride. Row #2, left to right, Greenlee, Lindquist, Matthews, Lahr, Riggs, Kinney, Rask, Hoeft, Hays, Willis, Paine, Harrell, Landers, Penszjk, Crooks, Thaxton and Konopacki. Row #3, left to right, Quinn, Jennings, Signani, Boyd, Woody, Radloff, Campbell, Breveleri, Council, Hester, Williams, Beaulieu, Graves, Weiser, Blair, Vaden and McEwen. Row #4, left to right, Pencil, Morgan, Stone, Cox, Sims, Kelley, Tate, Army, Anderson, Pratt, Huntress, Barnes, Amy, Goheen, Scheen, Scholen and Prescott.



▲ production control!...who does it and when

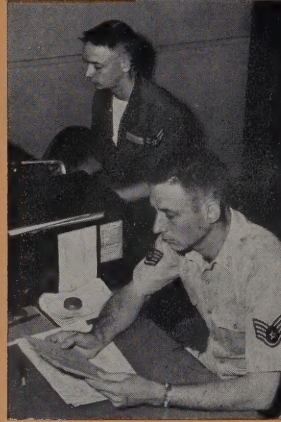
spaghetti benders ▼



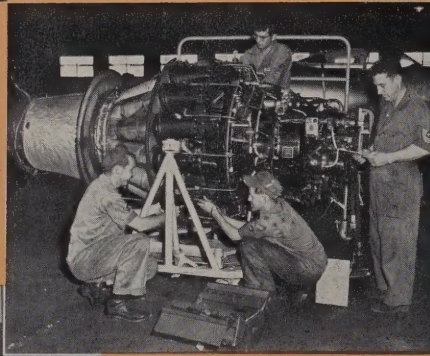
materiel control ►



◀ the village smithies



jet engine assembly ►



▼ inflation hits tire shop



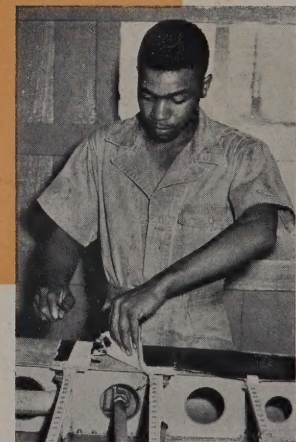
◀ broken office machines report here



◀ ...and it comes out here

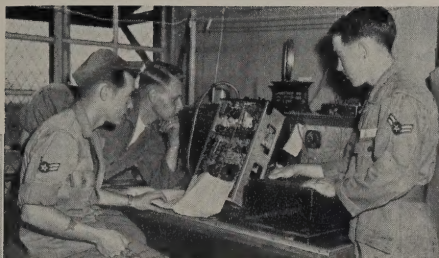


▼ hydraulic shop

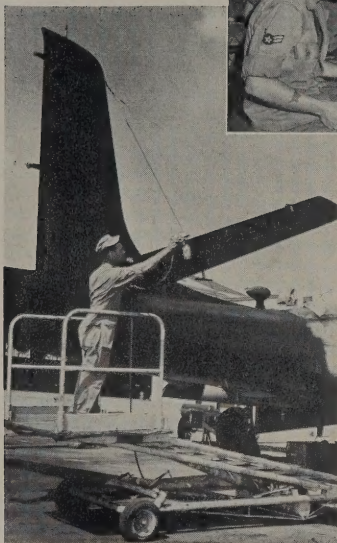


▲ new skin for old bird

repeated inspections are given survival gear ▶



◀ complicated radar receives overhaul



◀ new coat for a "blackbird"



▲ back order section



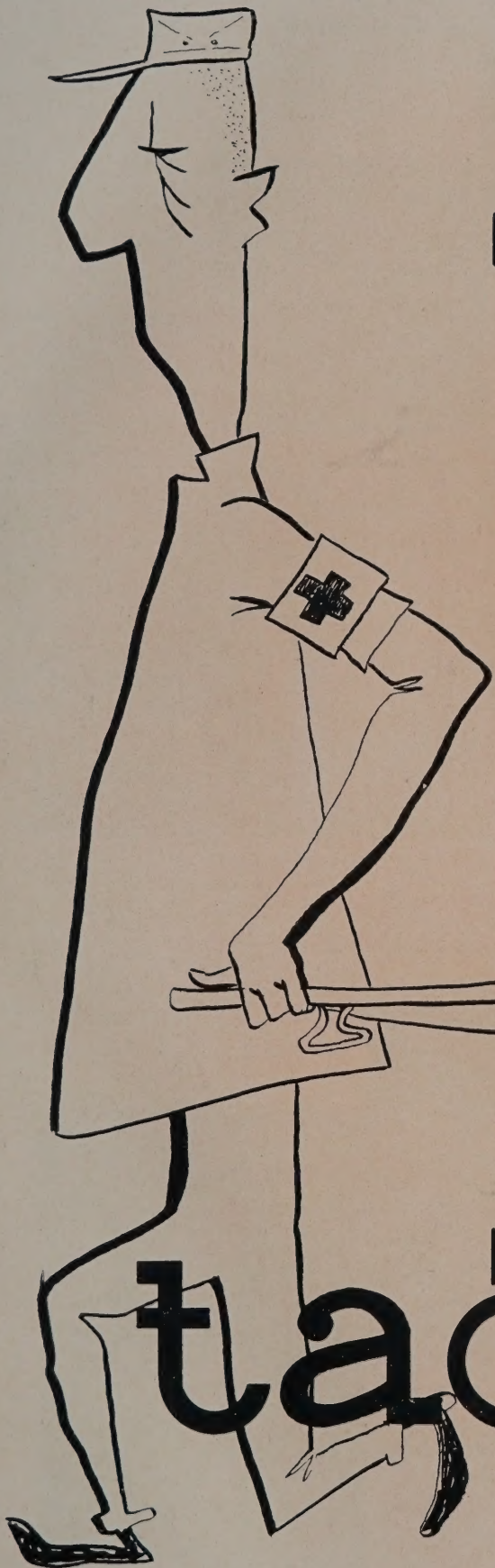
Row #1, left to right, Lopez, Simpkins, Baranowsk, Turner, Bellows, Freeman, Grant, Johnson, Bezts, Simmons, Wright, Culver and Stone. Row #2, left to right, Harrison, Brine, Boggiano, Luke, Churchwell, Sides, Dubreuil, Staley, Fuentes, Signani, Kallevig, Crawford, Yanchuk, Bolton, Camille, Altamese, Boulanger and Teal. Row #3, left to right, Agnes, Terrell, Rodriguez, Beaty, Zimmerman, Ainsworth, Clay, Stitt, Grove, Marcas, Thayer, Gaylord, Betts, Balda, Bouyer, Beasom, Fields and Walton. Row #4, left to right, Bagstad, Roberts, Crane, Singletary Gemonime, Williams, Rossman, Benton, Ritzema, Martin Nelson, Christmas, Baker, Elliott, Sullivan, Perry, Ensley and Hoop. Row #5, left to right, Madigan, Wrightson, Tyree, Miley, Von Bokern, Myers, Harvey, Cornell, Carey, Ciak, Almony, Smith, Walter, Simmons, Zacher, Floyd, McElwain and Scheid.

first sergeant and red tape cutters ▶



◀ ground power starts some up





hospital

responsible for health of command...

attached units, dependents

and transients

under its care...

out and in-patient

service...

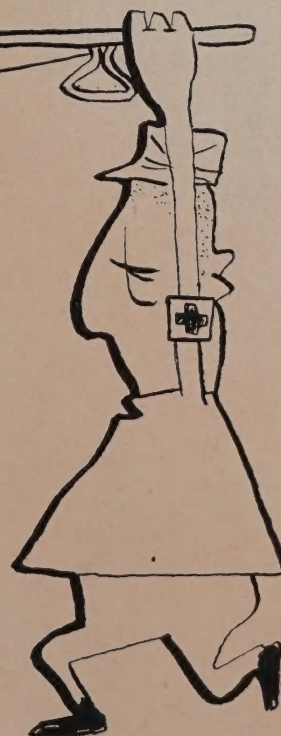
medical attention

for flying personnel...

veterinary and

preventative medicine...

the dental clinic...



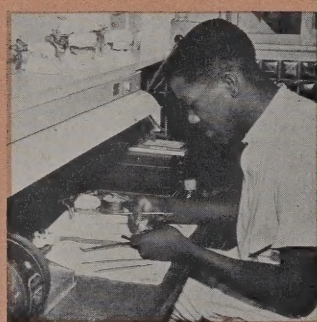
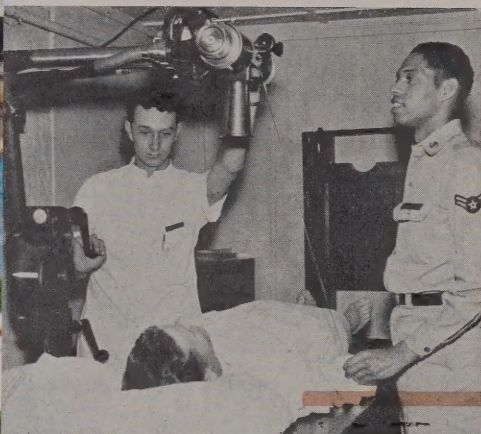


◀ now just relax ▶

the personnel staff ▶



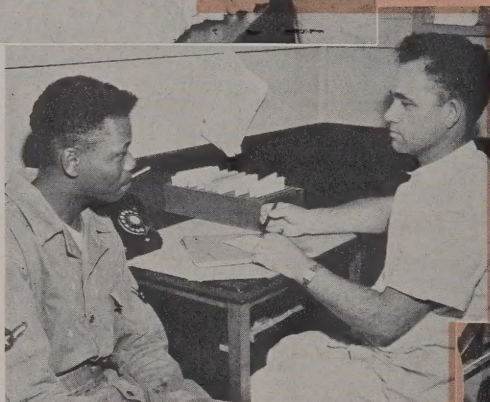
◀ hold it—don't move ▶



water sample looks OK ▶

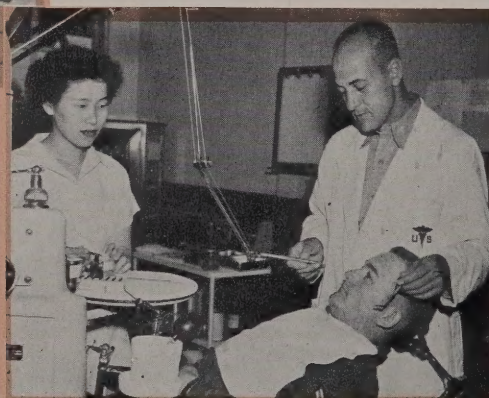


▲ brush your teeth twice a day—or else ▶



◀ keep it under your tongue ▶

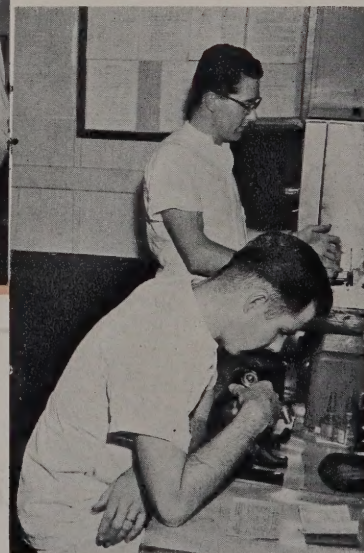
their problem—a hole in one ▶



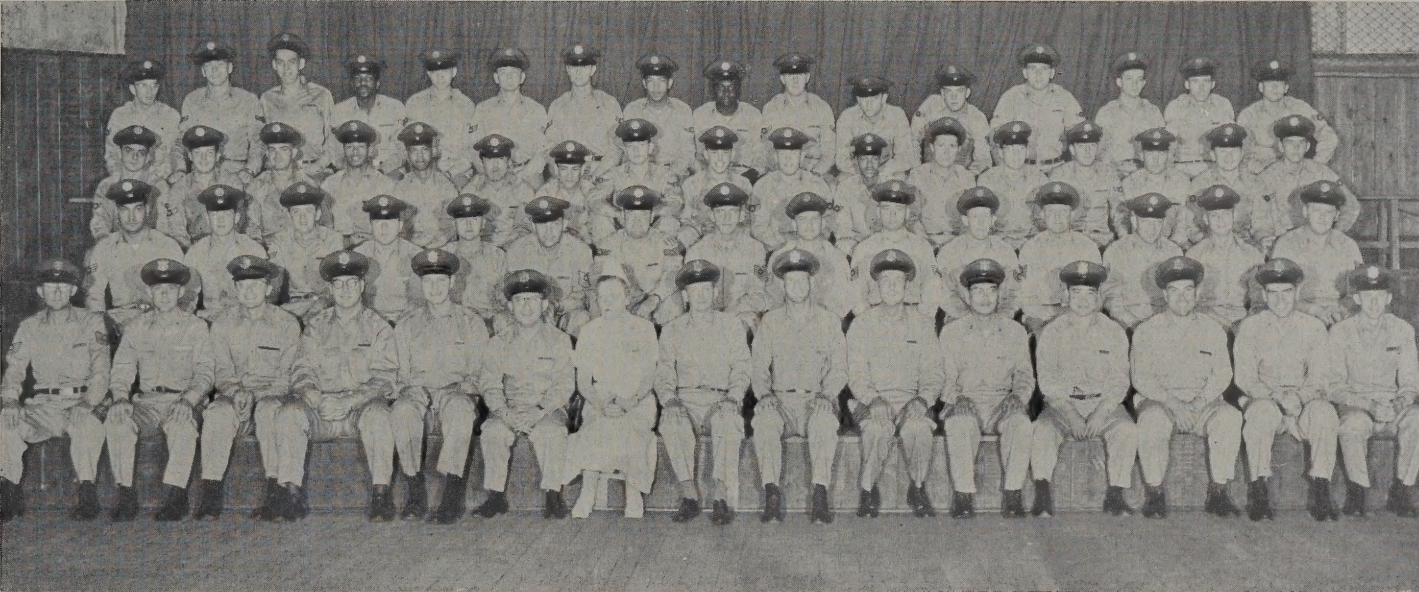
▼ canine patient gets his shots ▶



microbe reconnaissance ▶



67th tactical hospital



Row #1, left to right, Miller, Dahlquist, Johnson, W. Barnes, Reilly, Goldminz, Finn, Huxtable, Lt. Col. Bradley, commander, Grosso, Auyong, Endo, Crawford, Gible and Atterton.

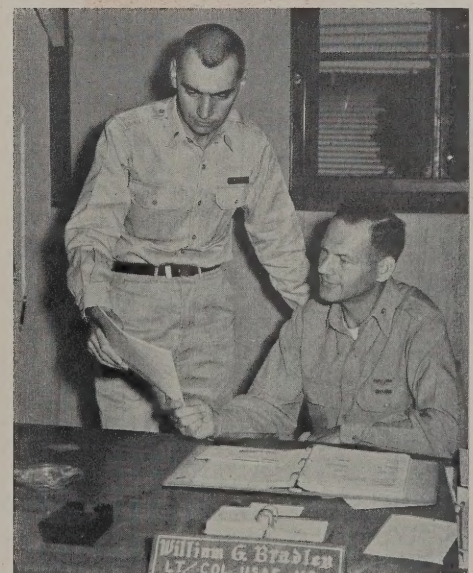
Row #2, left to right, Orosco, Murphy, Grotke, McKinney, Boreman, Clark, Barrington, Kiedrowski, Brandli, Fraiser, Jones, Walsh, Rhodes, Yates and Turnbull.

Row #3, left to right, Bellas, Nelson, Derryberry, Brown, Wiggins, Chibana, Gonzales, Willis, G. Hubbard, Sheely, Kensey, Maloney, Connors, George, Vaughan, J. Kolesar and Dutler.

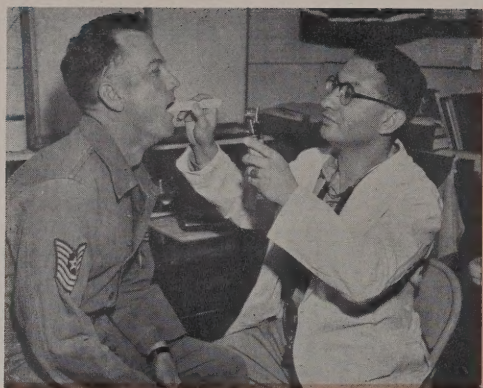
Row #4, left to right, F. Barnes, MacHenry, Marcy, Lancaster, Barker, Polvinen, Coates, Lange, Dickinson, Hunt, D. Kolesar, Dial, Latour, Cassidy, Stilley and Lambert.

The 67th Tactical Hospital gave medical support to the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Korea from late 1950 to December 1954. During this time a 50 bed hospital was in full operation rendering front line medical care throughout the Korean conflict.

In December 1954, the 67th Tactical Hospital folded its tents, packed its equipment and moved to Itami Air Base, Japan. The hospital remains inactive on a mobile status while the personnel operate the 6033rd USAF Infirmary at their present location.



▲ commander Bradley and adjutant Gible

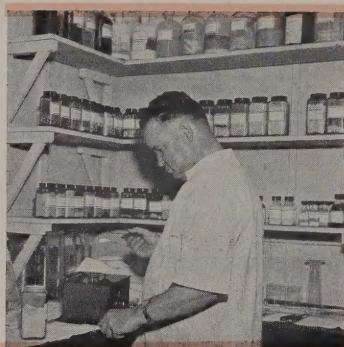


▲ say aahhh

pills hava yes ▶

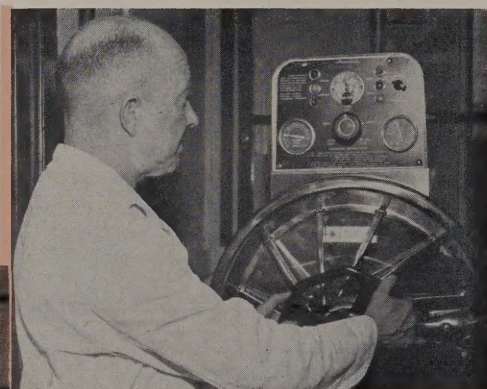


“the fleet” ▶

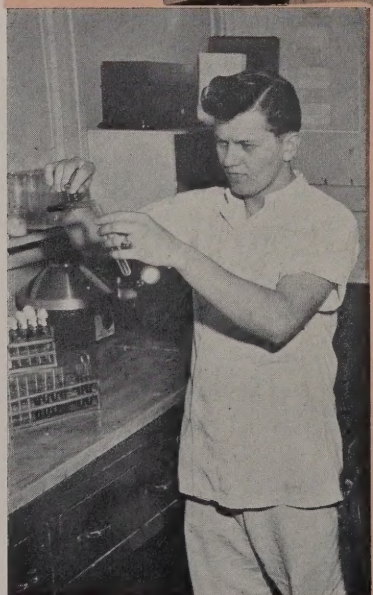


◀ our pill emporium

full steam ahead on
the sterilizer ▶



◀ flight surgeons emergency bags gets
re-stocked



the front office
staff ▶



▲ corpuscle counting section

management of personnel...

housing...

hiring the civilian labor force...

engine conditioning school...

base flight

and operations...

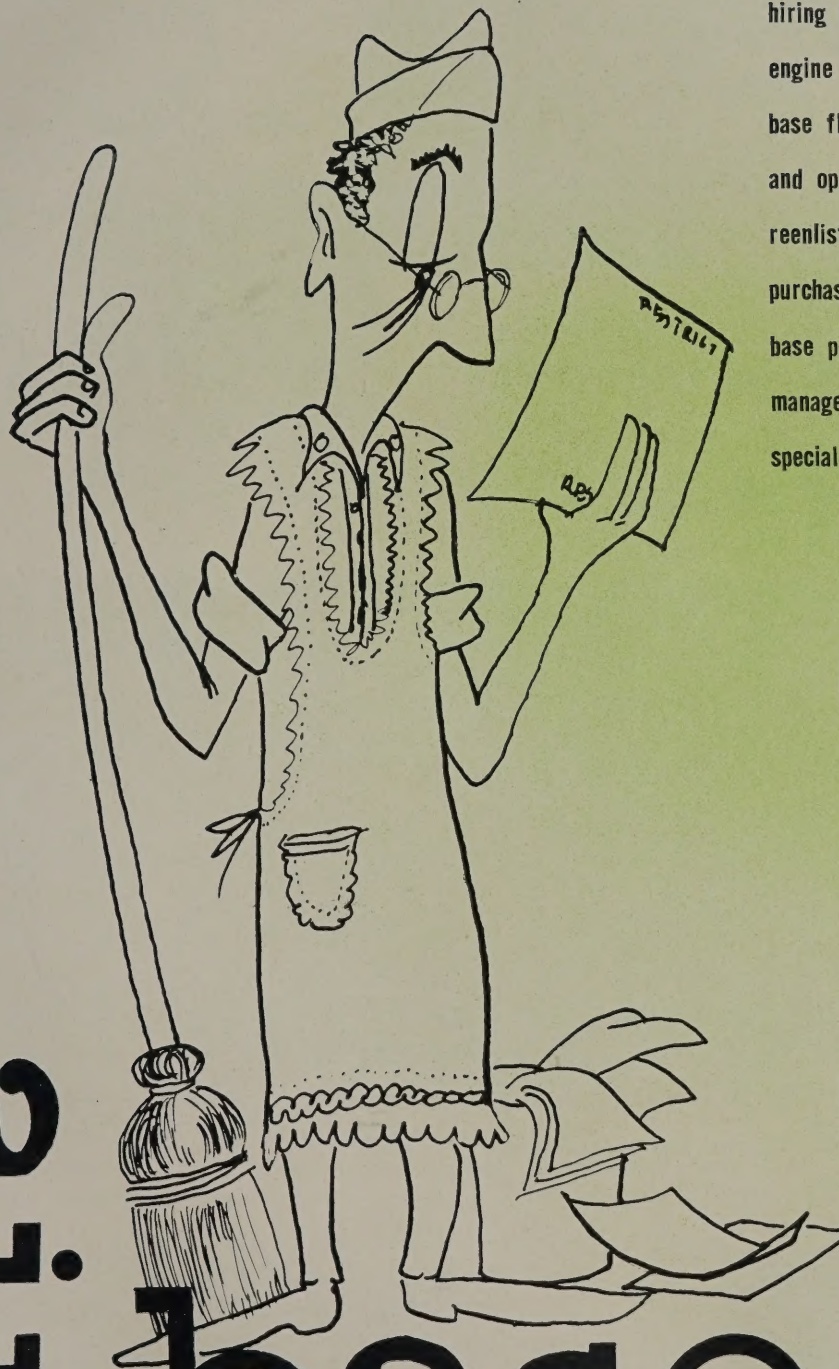
reenlistment...

purchasing and contracting...

base photo lab...

management of clubs...

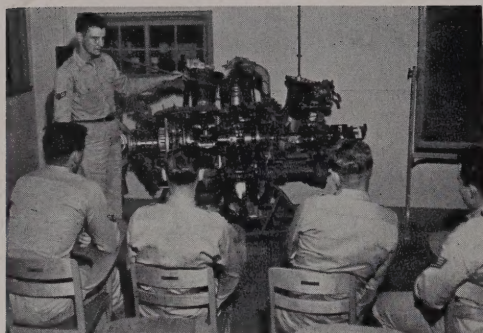
special services...



air.

base

transportation



◀ class in session on engine conditioning



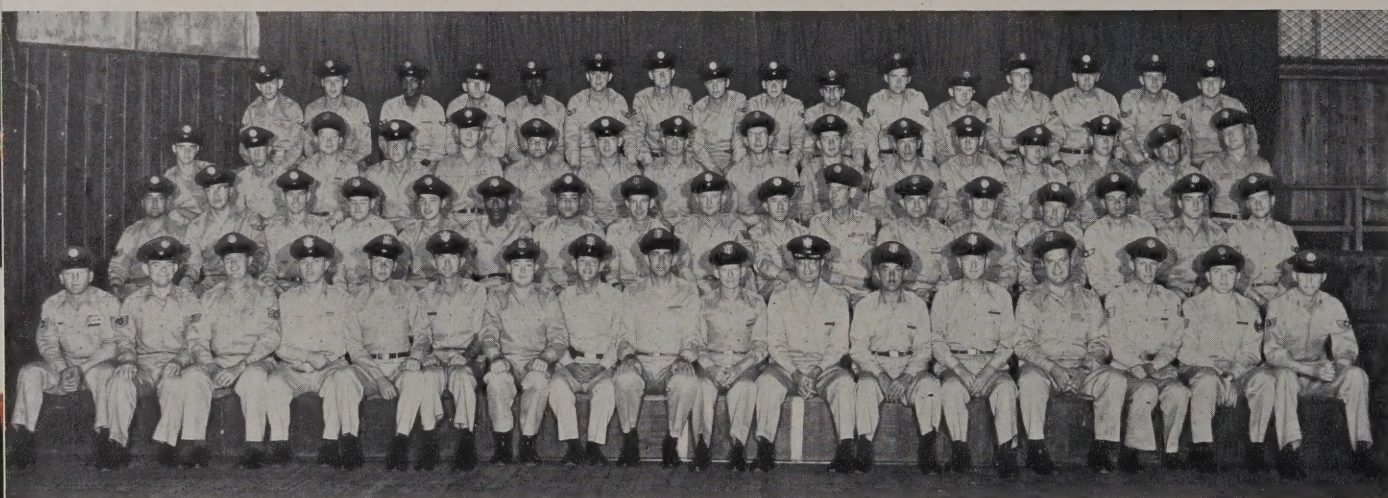
◀ flying time scanned by base ops chiefs



when the sirens blow they're on the go ▶



◀ base flight ready to roll



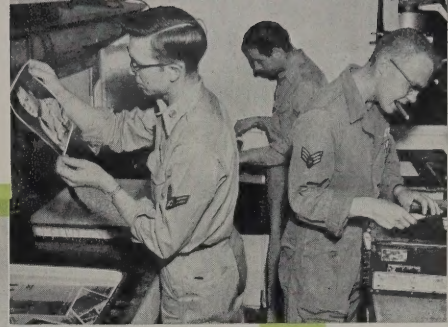
Row #1, left to right, Oman, Gray, Wiley, Omo, Ball, Shortridge, Rackley, Welch, Johanson, Farnsworth, Colonel Brown, commander, Kent, Johnson, Rubens, Hamby, Gardner and Weatherhead. Row #2, left to right, Longo, Hegre, Lee, Gjerde, Borzelino, Michael, Dash, Graham, Stewart, Anderson, Mauldin, Klein, Camp, Finnell, Rosenthal, Bernard and Robinson. Row #3, left to right, Bitting, Hammons, Mobley, Rudzitis, Webb, Sutfin, Love, Lohaus, Dalquist, Dallas, Luther, Silcox, Brewer, Kenney, Banks and Wilson. Row #4, left to right, Robinson, Toombs, Vinson, Matthes, Whitt, Musick, Zionkowski, Brame, Ramage, Cinque, Hammond, Stidd, Peterson, Calkins, Wolter and Rothenbaum.

▼ personnel classification section

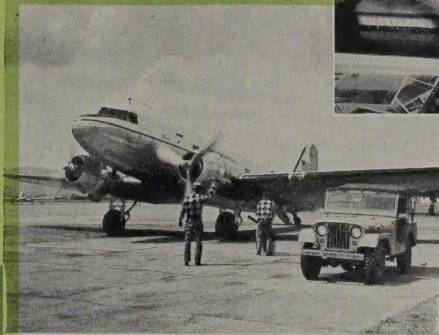


◀ housing headaches cured here

“souping” portrait prints in base photo lab ▶



◀ personnel records staff poses



◀ transient plane parked by line alert crew



◀ NCO's schedule base flight runs

Lt. Col Kent, executive officer and ▶
Colonel Brown, commander



air base group



▲ civilian personnel office staff



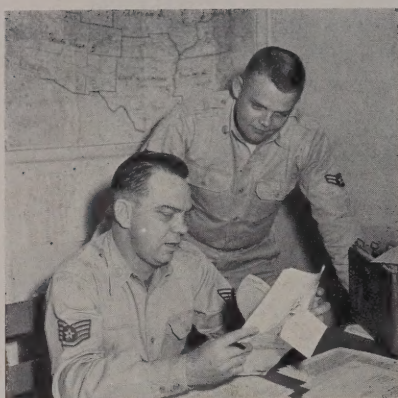
▲ big business handled by Itami's
purchasing and contracting office

The 67th Air Base Group, or the “house keeping” organization for the 67th Wing provides services and personnel in order that Itami Air Base can be operated as what might be termed an independent city.

In addition to having direct responsibility over the Food Service, Air Police, Communications and Installations squadrons, Headquarters Air Base Group in itself has a far reaching scope of important functions.

Despite a somewhat permanent type set-up, the group has nevertheless placed a strong emphasis on mobility and during the recent “bugout” exercise to Okinawa in June of this year all squadrons and many separate units of Air Base Group participated furnishing men and supplies.

Fully cognizant of their all-vital responsibility towards providing and maintaining Itami as a safe and pleasant base on which to be stationed, the men of Air Base Group carry out conscientiously and effectively their tasks.



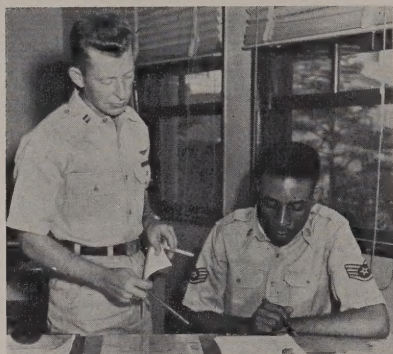
▲ records check in progress



▲ ever-ready dispatch crew monitors Itami's air traffic



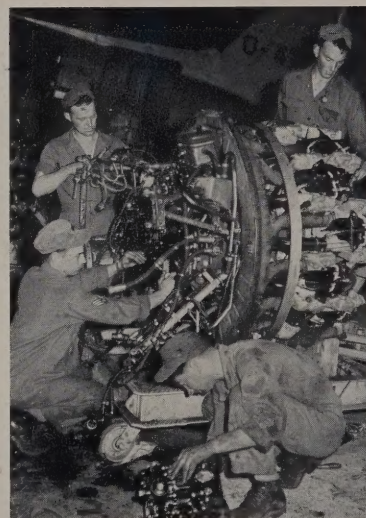
▲ radio repairman readies radio



▲ squadron commander councils ops and training NCO



▲ crew chief pre-flights "gooney"



▲ base flight maintenance crew



▲ re-up for 20 or 30?

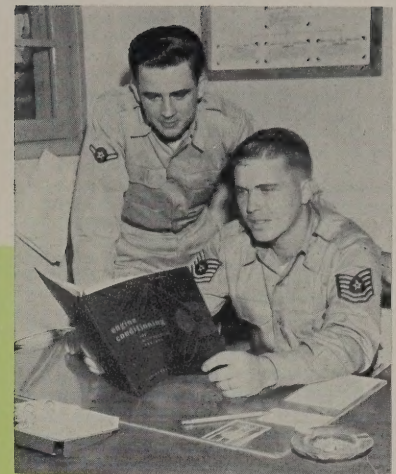


▲ adjutant and able assistants



Civilian Employees—Row #1, left to right, Noguchi, Yoshida, Duncan, Noack, Genet, Akin, Habit, Wood and Bell.

Row #2, left to right, Sasaki, Murotake, Turnbull, Schenk, Dutch, Anderson, Fletcher and Vines.



▲ boning up on their job—engine conditioning



▲ popular mid-morning mess—the coffee break



▲ camera counter popular on payday morn

yearbook photos pass base photo lab inspection ▶



Air Base Group's orderly room staff ▲



▲ Base Exchange snack bar—a central meeting spot

tobacco trade heavy during two carton week ▶

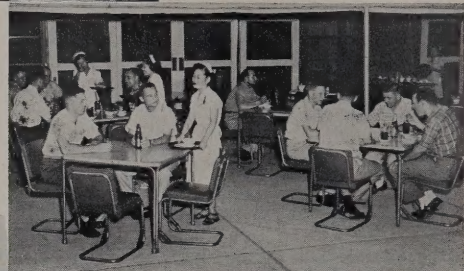




▲ officers club concessions provide convenient shopping



◀ committee meeting of officers wives club

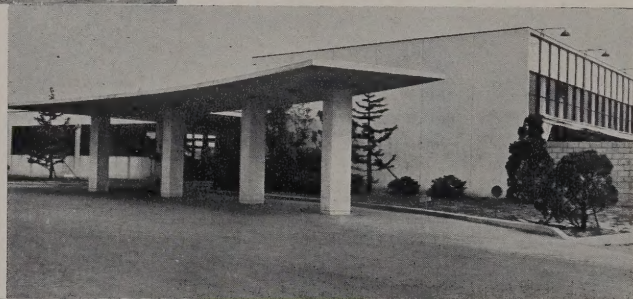


▲ Itami's officers dine on club patio



◀ the airmens club

the clubs



▲ officers club



▲ 321 open mess



◀ officers tip one under bar room mural



▲ "O" club custodian meets with staff



◀ a lively evening at the NCO club



NCO's snack in club dining room ▶

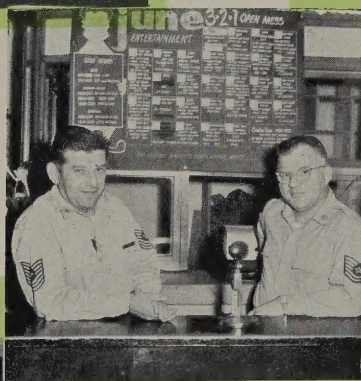


▲ relaxing at NCO club lounge



NCO wives club ▶

4 'N UNDER CLUB



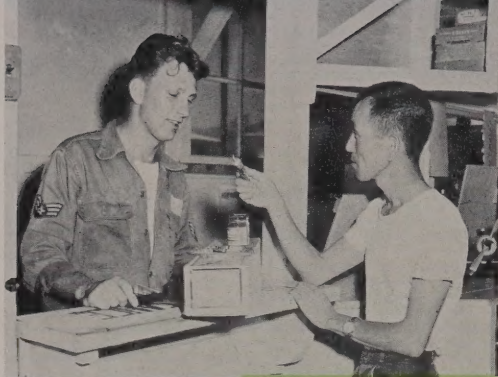
NCO club custodians ▶



▼ show time



◀ suds a dime, real fine time at airmens club



◀ hobby possibilities varied at hobby shop

▼ the colonel discusses management theory at education center class



special services



◀ flicker fans cue for evening entertainment



◀ young and old alike enjoy new BX bowling alley



▲ playground at the Toneyama dependent school

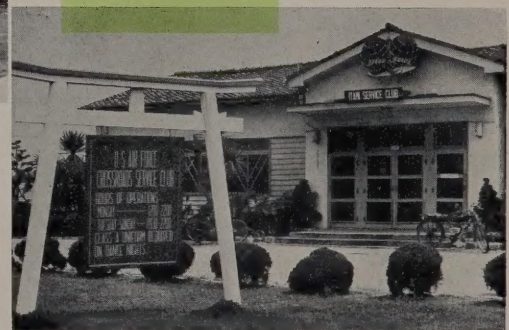
six huskies share lifeguard chores ▶

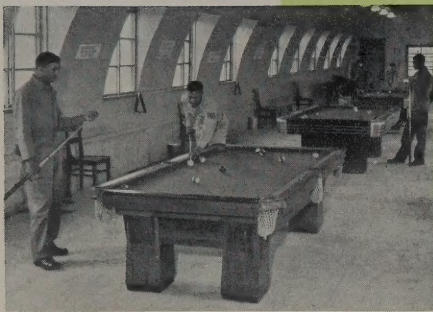


▼ truly a crossroads—Itami's Service Club



◀ education "faculty" plan next session courses

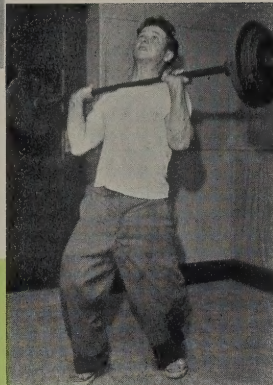




▲ game room annex—popular recreation spot



◀ a fountain of youth



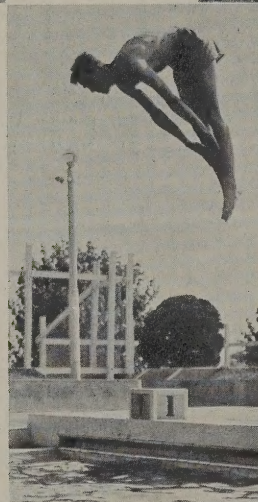
base gym weight lifting room—ugh!!! ▶



▲ pool side aquatics—popular sport



▲ from Chaucer to Faulkner, the base library has it



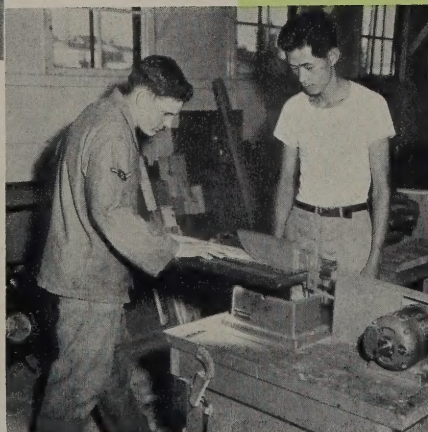
◀ prepare for splash



▲ a cool dip on a hot day



▲ cards, a song and an evening of relaxation at the Service Club

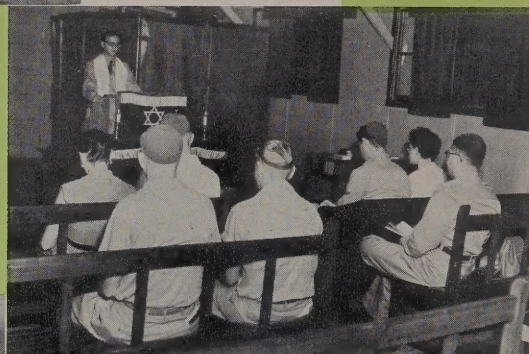


a pair of bookends in the making ▶
at hobby shop



◀ Sunday services over

religious services



▲ Jewish services



▲ Protestant services

▲ Catholic services



▲ combined faiths and races join in song

▼ Holy Name Society officers



air police

internal security...

our police force...

pass and registration...

guard program

both

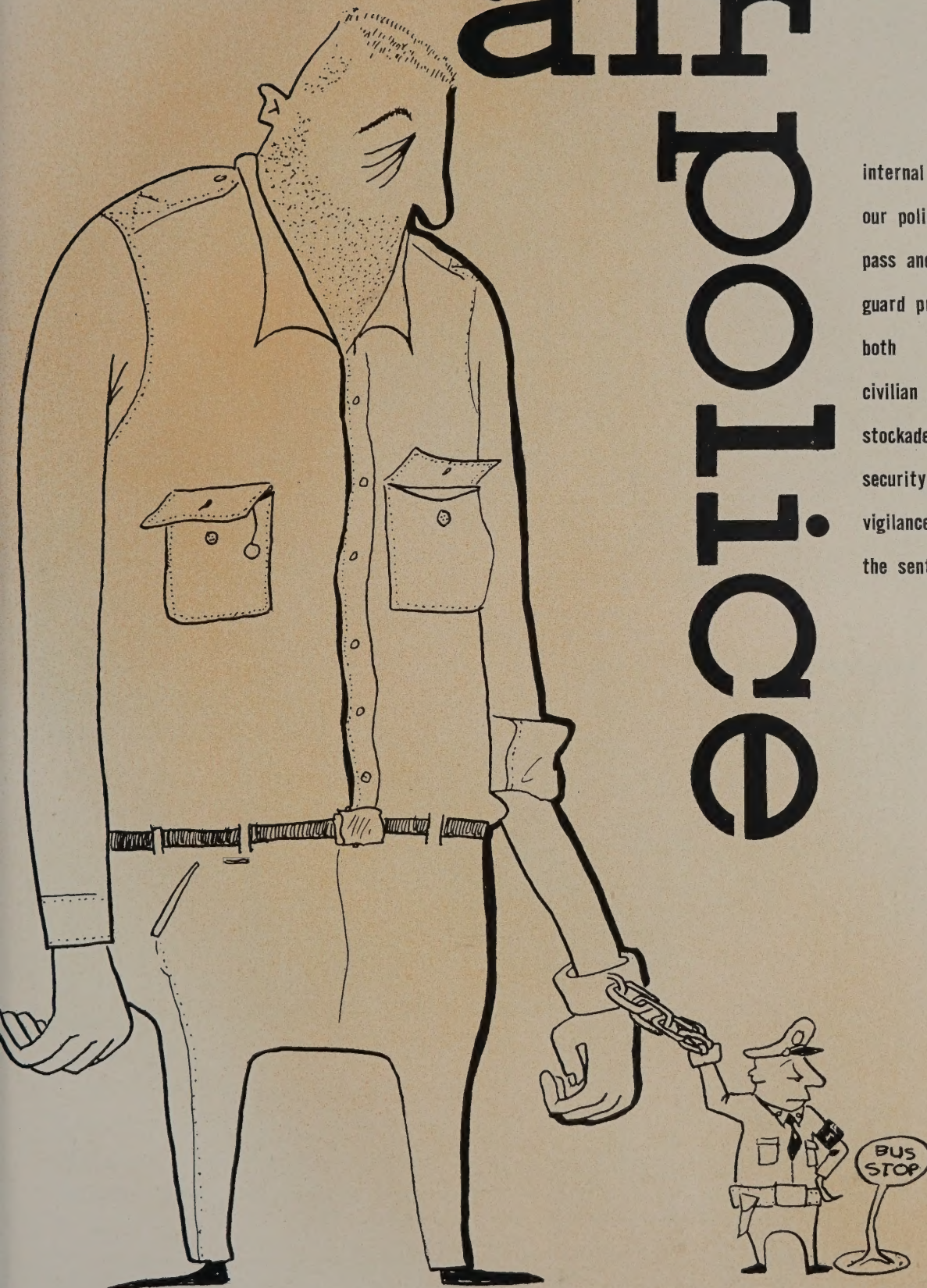
civilian and military...

stockade supervision...

security clearances...

vigilance against sabotage...

the sentry dogs...





▲ we just want the facts

▼ accident investigators determine who hit who



◀ sentry dog nabs "intruder"

first sergeant and chief clerk discuss
administrative procedures ▶



white hats to weapons ▶
handled by supply



▲ weapons familiarization

◀ touche





Row #1, left to right, Siverling, Carusi, Crawford, Zessar, Lt. Burns, commander, Smith, Novak, Armstrong and Giordana.
 Row #2, left to right, Sanchez, Corns, Brown, Baker, Williams, Davis, Taylor, Wagner, Johnson and Harris.
 Row #3, left to right, Rose, Wagner, Vandermark, Flegel, Story, Shallo, Minter, Jaeger, Hobough and Woods.
 Row #4, left to right, Fiore, Matheny, Hart, Rice, Duvall, Zarvada, Bell, Swatzell, Anderson and Mitchell.

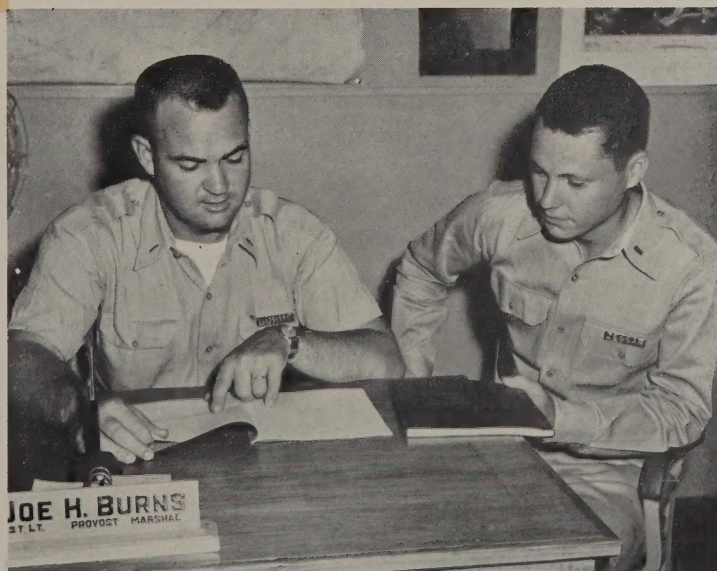
With the move of the 67th Tac Recon Wing from Korea to Japan in December 1954, a vast change was undertaken and accomplished by the 67th Air Police Squadron. Civilian guards were implemented with military personnel in carrying out the internal base security program. This was due to the move from a combat zone to the largely urban Osaka area.

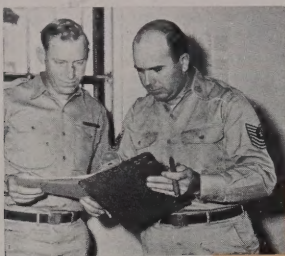
The complexities of a more metropolitan existence brought with it additional functions. Traffic control, vehicle registration and off-base supervision increased Air Police activities. A large civilian work force employed at Itami necessitates the processing and preparation of hundreds of passes and security clearances.

The familiar white hat and highly polished black leather, long unused during the Wing's Korean stay have again become symbols of a courteous and efficient Air Police organization.

air police squadron

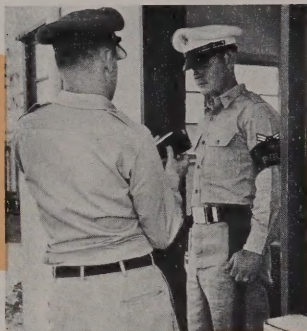
Lieutenant Burns, provost marshal and lieutenant Zessar, security officer





▲ stockade NCO and clerk

▼ your pass please



▲ the all-important gate security



▲ iron horseman register mounts



◀ desk sergeant



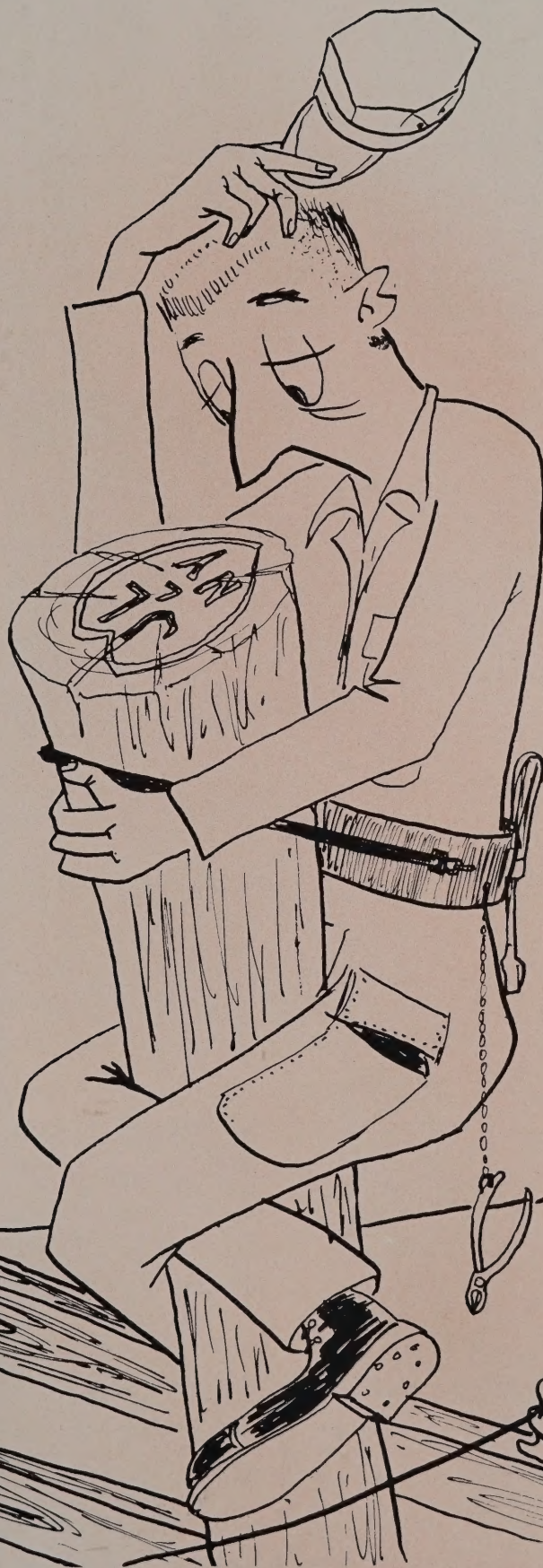
▲ base defense when necessary

man's best friend keeps nocturnal watch ▶



◀ sharp, efficient guards will greet Itami visitors

maintains ground
communications facilities
for Itami Air Base...
telephone service...
teletype, carrier and radio
operations and
maintenance...
MARS radio station...

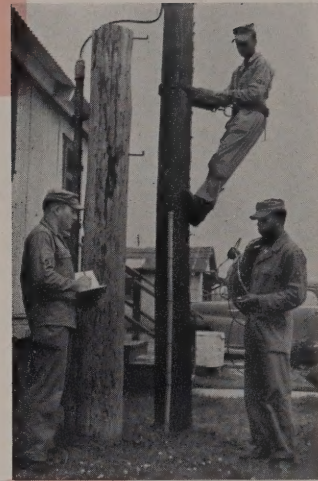


communications



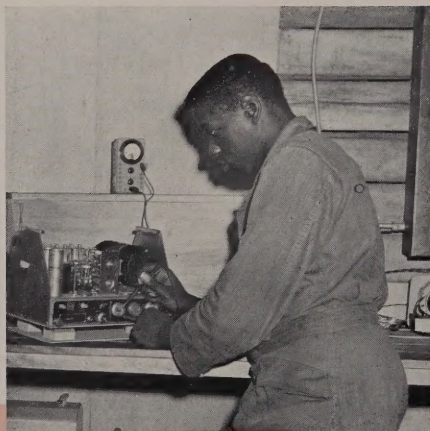
▲ checking out "echo" channel

another telephone installed ►

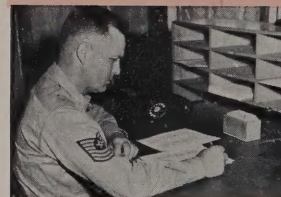


◀ vital power from auxiliary unit

supply provides technicians tools ►



▲ radio test



◀ comm center NCOIC checks duty roster

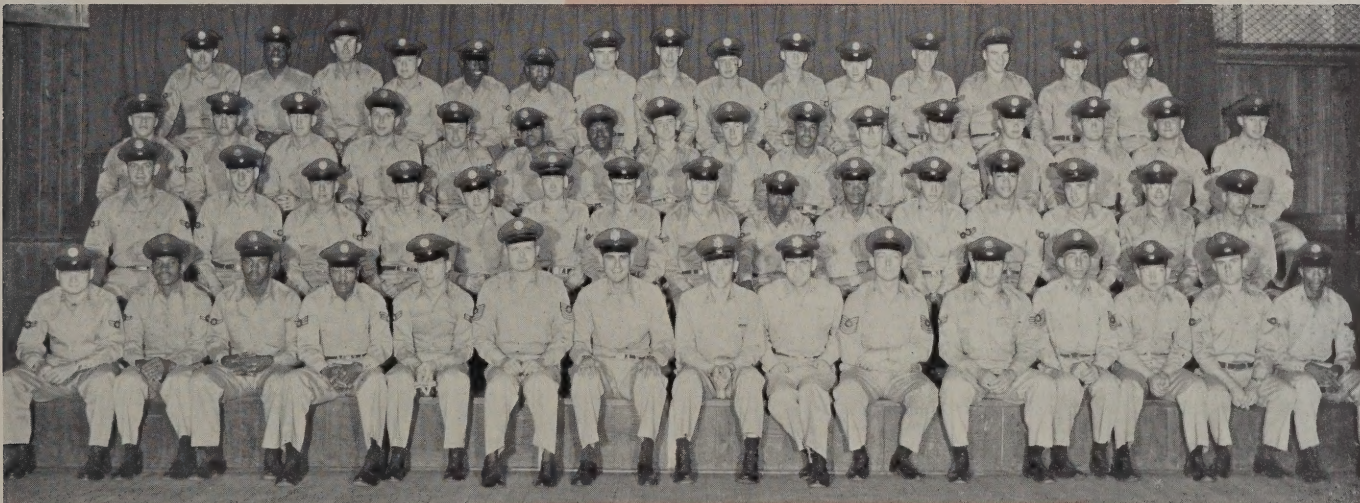


orderly room personnel are always busy ►

67th comm squadron



▲ captain Baird, commander and M/sgt Johnson, first sergeant



Row #1, left to right, Harris, Williams, Hull, Witcher, Bacon, Johnson, Metros, Captain Baird, commander, Allen, Johnson, Waterbury, Wilkinson, Davis, Minnihan and Willis.

Row #2, left to right, McIlwain, Lester, Kutchara, Romans, Bies, McLean, Gordon, Dadoly, Williams, Reese, Styfyrak, Andrada, Hartleroad, Roepke and Powell.

Row #3, left to right, Bailey, Burnip, Williams, Biderman, Benson, Norfleet, Brockington, Anderson, Girouard, Bonner, Barbe, Wright, Kohler, Fletcher, Gaines and Sikora.

Row #4, left to right, Hatcher, Huger, Dill, Carmichael, O'neil Coleman, Matthews, Geil, Thiel, Greniger, Jones, Clark, McCarthy, Finn and Smith.

The 67th Communications Squadron operations were almost completely revamped after the Wing's move from Korea to Japan in December 1954. The difficulties in obtaining critically needed equipment challenged the ingenuity and resourcefulness of communications personnel to the fullest extent,

Also, the initiation of a thorough training program was necessary in order to maintain the high degree of efficiency required to perform the squadron's mission of operating and maintaining ground communications facilities for Itami Air Base and the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.



▲ a fast message home
courtesy of MARS

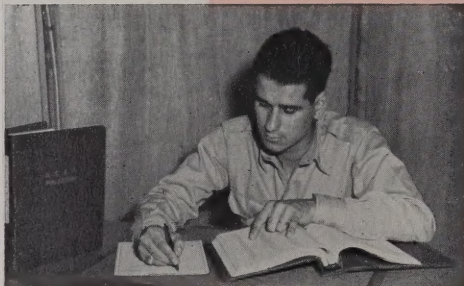
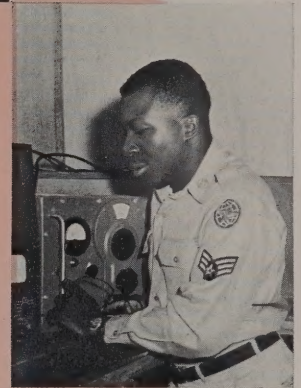


◀ when lights fail—call
Hartleroad

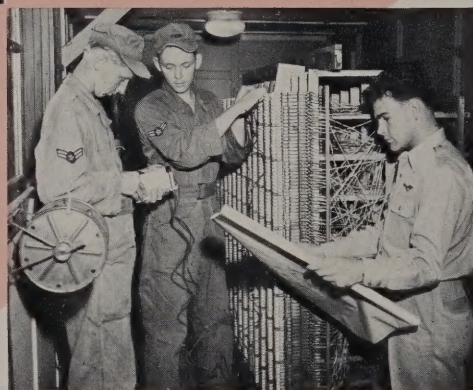


immediate transmission via teletype ▶

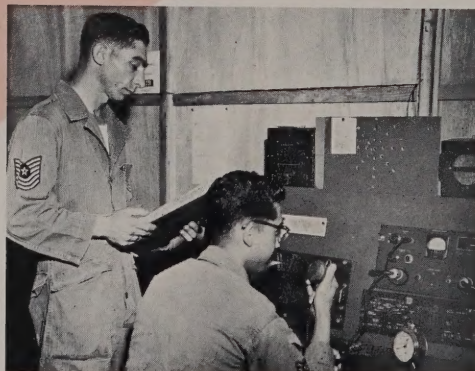
"watts" going on here? ▶



▲ mobility headaches are never cured



▲ telephone trouble shooters



◀ Itami calling

ration breakdown...

serving of properly

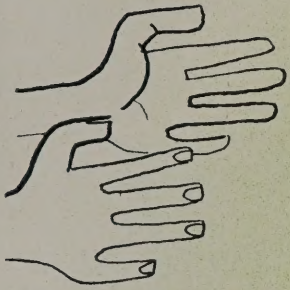
balanced meals...

cooking, baking

and storage...

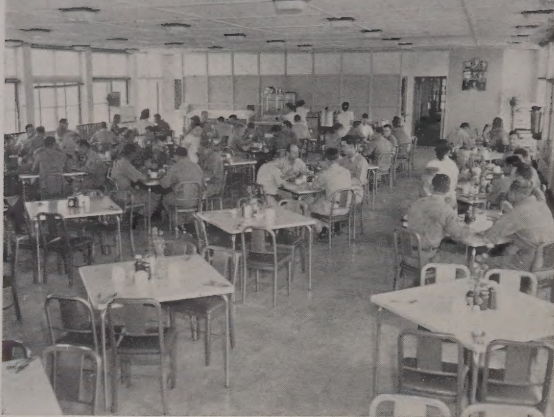
meat cutting...

preparation of flight lunches...



Food service

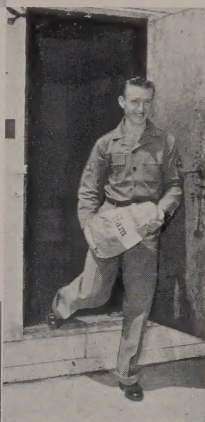




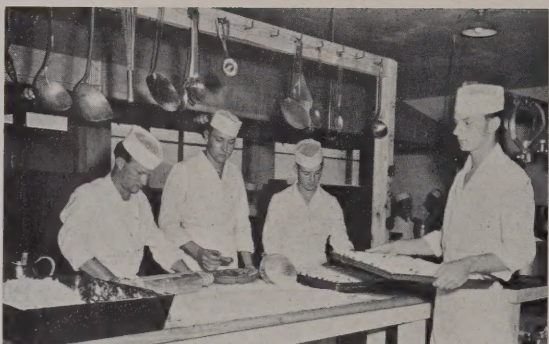
▲ lunch time



▲ technicians collaborate to plan better meals



◀ looks like ham for chow



▲ tasty delicacies from the baker's oven



▲ shopping at mess hall store room



◀ flying the china chipper



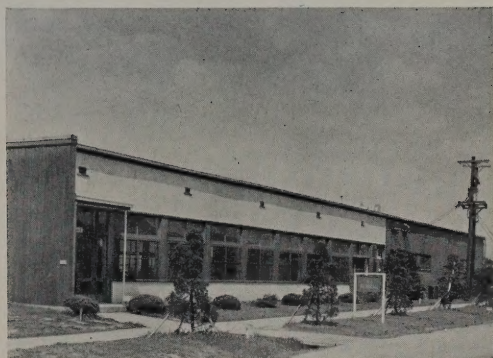
▲ take all you want, eat all you take



▲ good coffee in the making



first sergeant deals day's work to clerks ▶



▲ Itami's new NCO dining hall



◀ Lt Lierle, commander, and assistant technician

food service squadron



Row #1, left to right, Montgomery, Healy, Graves, McQuiston, Buckner, Lt. Lierle, commander, Broh-Kahn, Allen, Flagg, Caudill and Johnson. Row #2, left to right, Poole, Goldsmith, Garou, Ayala, Kinsey, Carter, Sims, Carr, Powell, Cale and Mah. Row #3, left to right, Pittman, Bobo, Lewis, Lehel, Thomas, Lawrence, Hall, Moody, Sanders, Overton and Wallace. Row #4, left to right, Glhau, Gaines, Boulware, Muldoon, Greene, Nunn, Long, Potter, Saffald, Parks and Hughs.

An Army marches "on its stomach" and similarly the Air Force must also be fed on a diet which will sustain the physical being and assist to uplift the morale of its men.

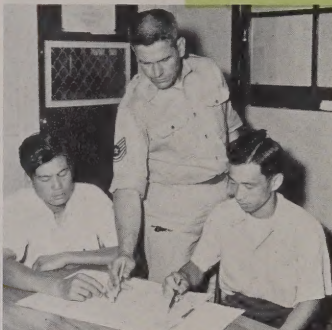
The 67th Food Service Squadron, operating three new dining halls, serves approximately 115,000 meals monthly to Itami's well-fed personnel. The real test for the squadron, however, came in June of this year when a portion of the Wing "bugged" out to Yontan, Okinawa on a mobility exercise. Operating under combat conditions the men of Food Service provided hot meals for the troops less than 24 hours after arriving to the sun-baked tropical air strip.

The 67th Food Service Squadron is justly proud of its record, maintained over several years, of serving nourishing, palatable meals at all times of the day and night to hungry, tired air crew members and support personnel.

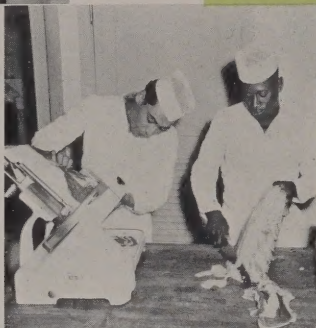
week's clean sheets reach
unit supply ▶



▲ fresh, crisp vegetables to our door



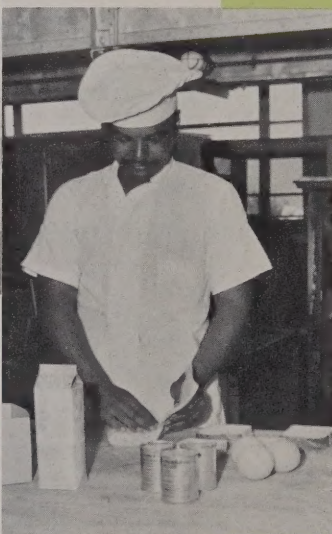
◀ technicians check time
sheets



◀ meat slicers cut meal's main course

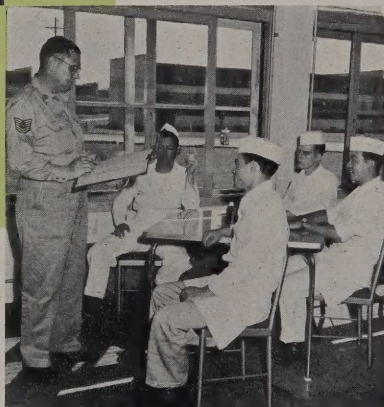


◀ lots of this, little of that—airmen
make their choice

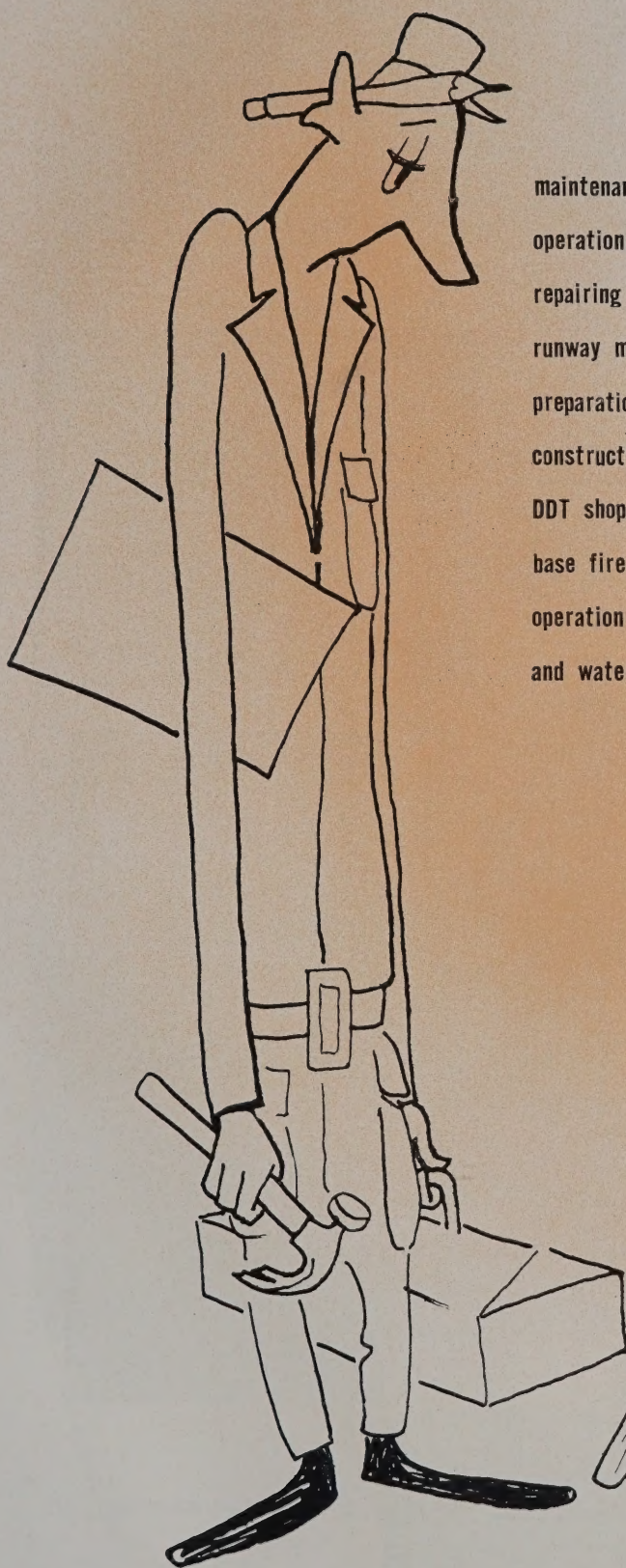


◀ flight lunches prepared by chef

graveyard shift chefs receive menu briefing ▶



◀ slice 'em, slice 'em "thin as a dime"



maintenance of buildings ...
operation of heating plants ...
repairing roads ...
runway maintenance ...
preparation of base master plan ...
construction projects ...
DDT shops and preventive maintenance ...
base fire protection ...
operation of base electrical
and water system ...



air installations

“signs of the time” department ▶



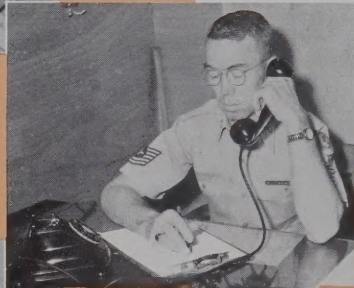
▼ scheduling tomorrow's work for roads and grounds section



installations supply honchos ▶



preventive maintenance order goes out ▶



power saw cuts cutting time ▶



inspectors check portable generator ▶

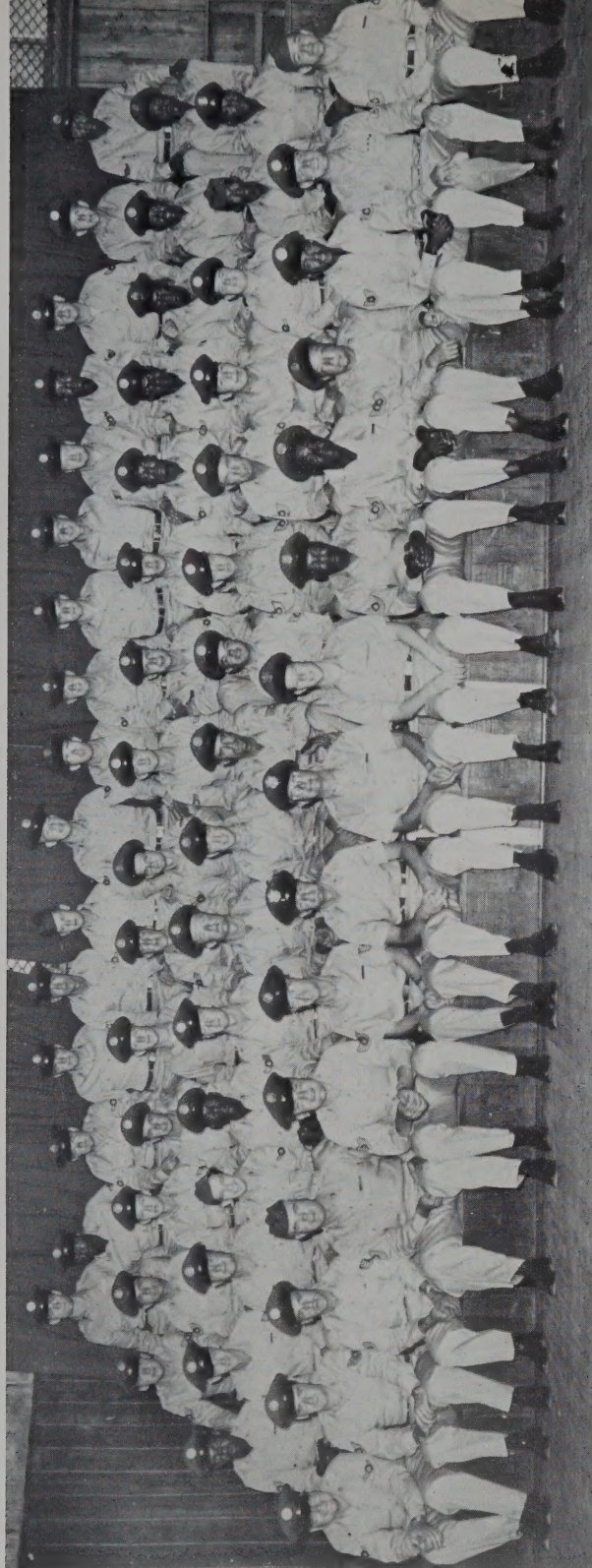


▲ orderly room conference



◀ aircraft crash rescue crew

the installations squadron



Row #1, left to right, Langtimm, Bogle, Lombardi, Curry, Hamlin, Birdsong, Josey, Major Norden, commander, Redfield, Harris, Stewart, Mack, Bartlett, Menges and Casella. Row #2, left to right, Fowler, Cox, Rice, Conley, Chapman, Musgrave, Hartsell, Osborn, Cody, Martinez, Nichols, Dare, Atkins, Smith, Travis and Wright. Row #3, left to right, Books, Fricks, Komaniecki, Smith, Soulak, Weider, Kimack, Gnare, Drozda, Nakayama, Pritchett, Banks, McKey, Miller and Tyler. Row #4, left to right, Ross, Strayhorn, Comeau, Davis, Spaur, Wolfe, Gossage, Hennessey, Brown, Long, Mahoney, Woodard, Wright, Moore, Dziubek and Luckey.

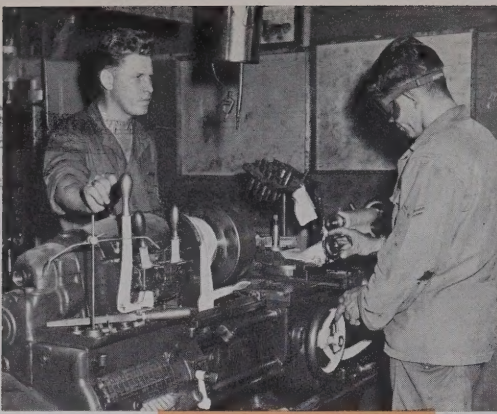
With the arrival of the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing from Korea, the Installations Squadron faced a tremendous responsibility. Almost every building on the base required remodeling to meet the needs of the new organizations. All shops worked many hours overtime converting the buildings in a rapid and complete method so that the 67th Wing could become 100 per cent operational in a minimum of time.

While all these extra jobs were created and accomplished, other routine and vital functions such as operation of base utilities, repair of the runway and base roads and adequate fire protection were carried on.

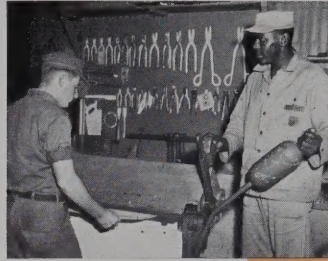
The Installations Squadron realizes that it is a service organization, whose responsibilities are greatly varied, and with this outlook it will continue to perform its functions, as in the past, with few complaints and many commendations.

Major Norden, commander, Lieutenant Josey, design and construction officer, Lieutenant Redfield, adjutant and Captain Walters, operations officer.





◀ lathe turns out the work

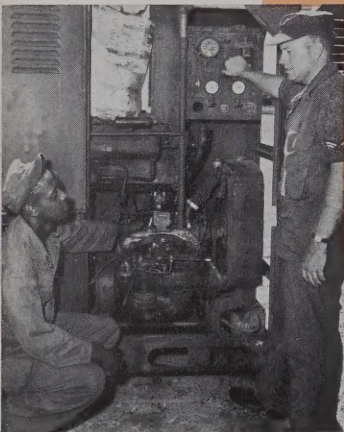


◀ the metal cutters

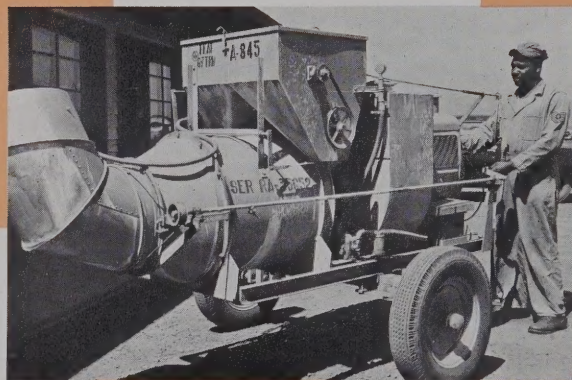


runway renovation ▲

plumbing shop repairs fire hose ▶



▲ hot tips on refrigeration



◀ DDT bug buggie



the men of engine design ▲



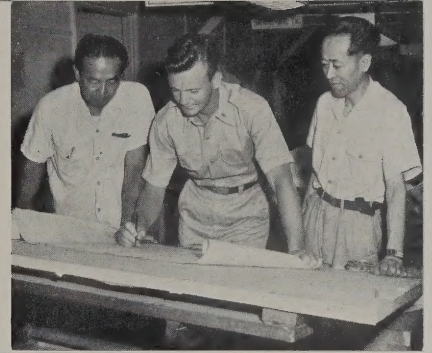
▼ carpenters prepare commissary for opening



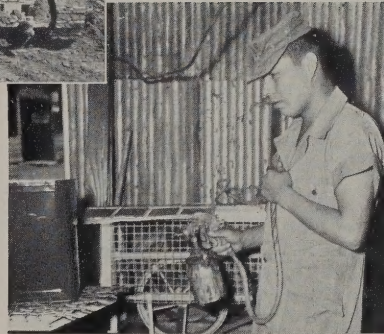
▲ multi phones keep company with emergency alert man



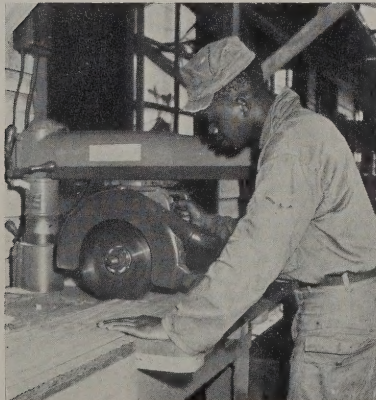
▲ earth diggers and shovers level uneven ground



▲ engineers study architectural plans



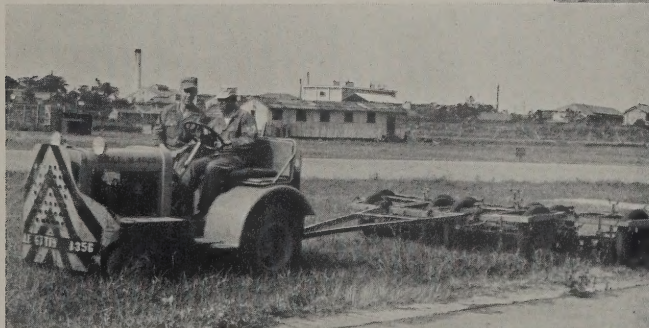
color spraying in the paint shop ►



▲ new fashion spinning wheel cuts sawing job



▲ Installations spread a lot of dirt around

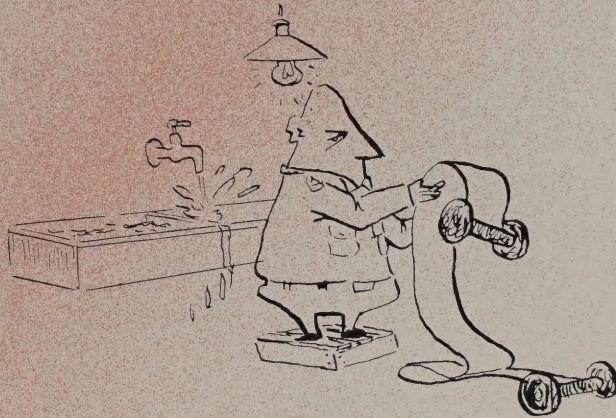


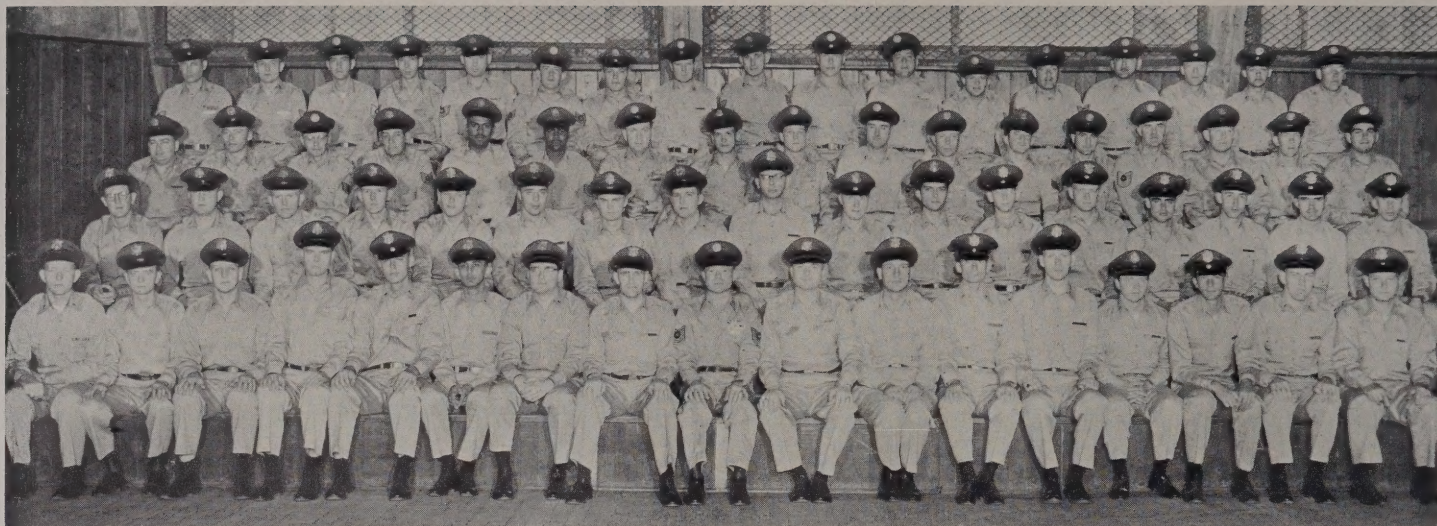
▲ continuous mowing keeps Itami's park-like appearance



recce feet

photographic intelligence reports...
photo processing
and multiple
print production...
coordinates
with tac squadrons
on photo recce
matters...
maintains capacity
for production line preparation
of intelligence reports
from enormous numbers
of prints...





Row #1, left to right, McCorkle, Dawson, Dyndiuk, Douglas, Hill, Morehouse, Griffith, Pierce, Krauter, Major White, commander, Rossi, Edwards, Beaudette, Vincent, Parry, Carlson, and Gould.

Row #2, left to right, Neely, Pike, Wecal, Hapke, Thomas, Burgess, Springer, Kozial, Luensman, Lindquist, Guzman, Auda, Treis, Nelson, Hicks, Maher, and Spaeth.

Row #3, left to right, Linehan, Webb, Dillon, Lycan, Sullivan, McCraney, Beason, Furry, Selman, Broom, Peyton, Stanley, Gordon, Hudik, Gore, Breckenridge, and Harris.

Row #4, left to right, Murray, Schweizer, Halkyard, Quance, Duval, Hurst, Annetts, Brandt, Black, Gardner, Staryak, Nickel, Stuart, Oakes, McCarter, Block and Blaine.



◀ check it in 3-D

▼ photo technicians depart from Recce Tech mobile photo lab

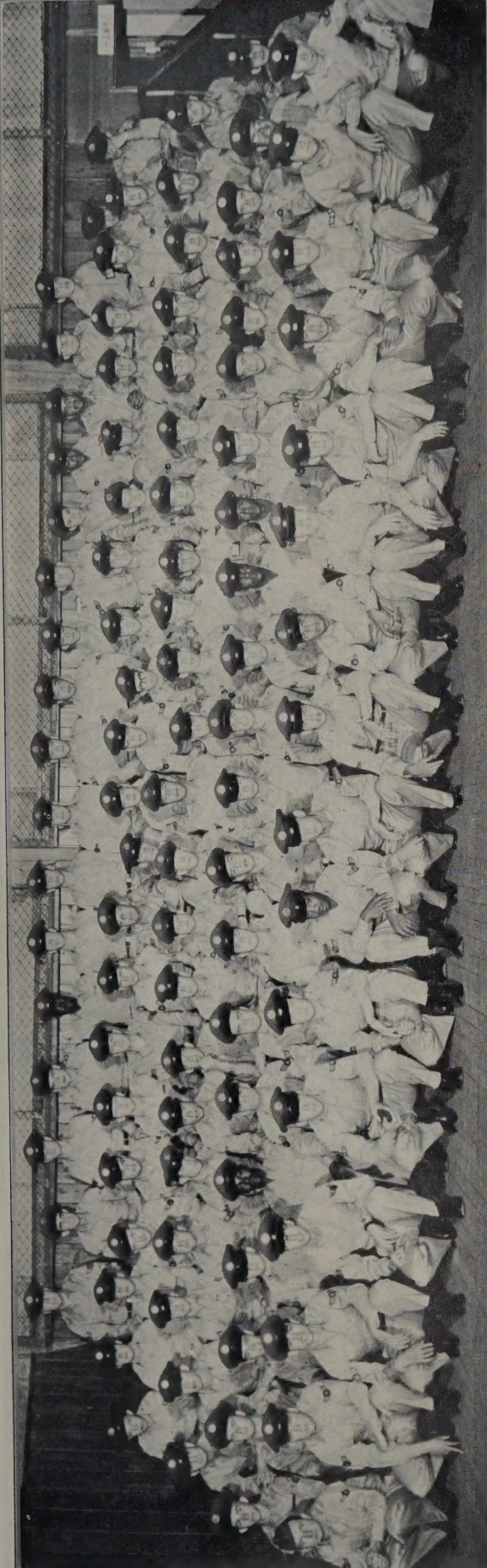
500 prints for one mosaic ▶



◀ plotting determines coverage of the target.



67th reconnaissance technical squadron



Row #1, left to right, Smith, Foster, Juan, Burgess, Slaughter, Ligo, Bradley, Miller, Gonzalez, Duplessis, O'Connor, Boudreaux, Ledesma, Kneeshaw, Watts and Walker.
Row #2, left to right, Mortensen, Gruber, Wilson, Petri, Drew, Schneider, Immisch, Dow, Chantker, Johnson, Wilkinson, Pierce, Shannon, Young, Hoover, Dimmitt, Crumley, Zwick, Welin, Catlin and Stearns.
Row #3, left to right, Thompson, Sobel, Gahn, Hile, Fisher, Sorrell, Templeton, King, Evans, Needham, Darco, Wagner, Liss, Halvorson, Durham, Davis, Hollern, Nahumck, Rallo, Moore, Aleksich and Montpetit.
Row #4, left to right, Ondrusek, Nott, Porter, Kearns, Fish, Infjeski, Newcomb, Jose, Bell, Messersmith, Crowe, Lanier, Scalora, White, Steen, Ruscetta, Llanas, Davis, Henderson, Kennedy and Ramsey.
Row #5, left to right, Moore, Villalobos, Gregoris, Crapser, Bradford, Hyde, Allen, Martin, Buchholz, Isobe, Powell, Townsend, Eckroth, Humphrey, Amos, Fikeis, Honey and Edwin.



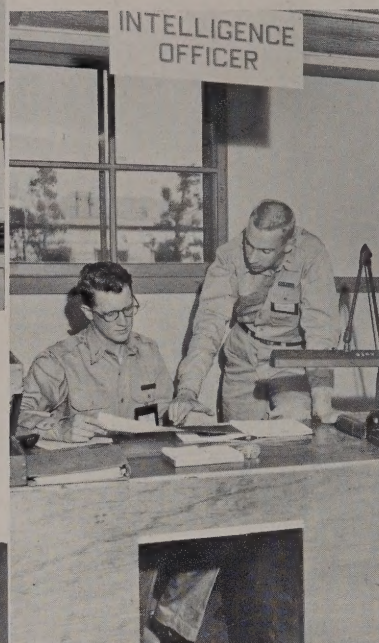
▲ Major White checks completed Kobe mosaic with staff.

During the Korean War the 67th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron collected, prepared and disseminated thousands of photo-intelligence reports on missions flown by all members of the United Nations Forces. These reports, prepared from millions of prints produced in the Recce Tech photo lab, provided the essential information needed to defeat the enemy because of their timeliness and accuracy.

Since moving from Korea in December 1954, Recce Tech has concentrated on maintaining this high capability through constant realistic training and improvements in techniques.

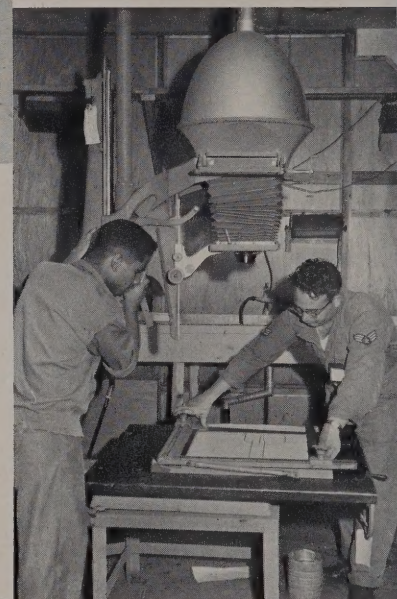


◀ PI bosses plan day's report production.



"I know that report went out". ▶

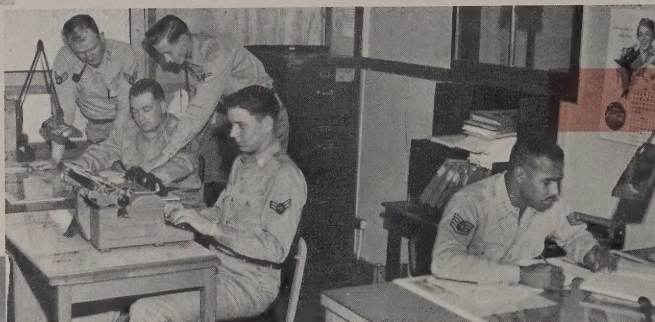
▼ "blow it up to 20x24".



▲ 80 KW's with a turn of the switch.



▲ why'd they miss collateral training?



◀ keep those supply requisitions rolling.



◀ but there can't be a shortage.

recce tech work starts when the aircraft lands. ▶





◀ "we'll need 500 copies of these plots".

◀ the film goes in here and comes out there.

prints, film and reports are packaged and distributed. ▶

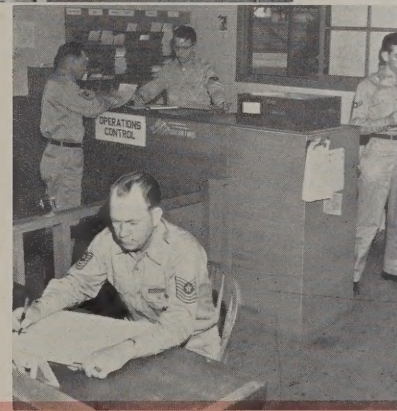


an orderly orderly ▶
room.



▲ photo lab chemicals—vintage 1955.

ops—the nerve center. ▶



▲ "increase the exposure".



◀ a large supply of raw film will be needed.



baby photo contest winner ▲



▲ Itami plays host to Japanese military "brass"



▲ advance party welcomes latest arrivals from Korea

events to remember



◀ when day is done...

first to the wire in Itami's ►
goodwill road race



◀ USO show taps out rhythm



aacs



post office



weather station



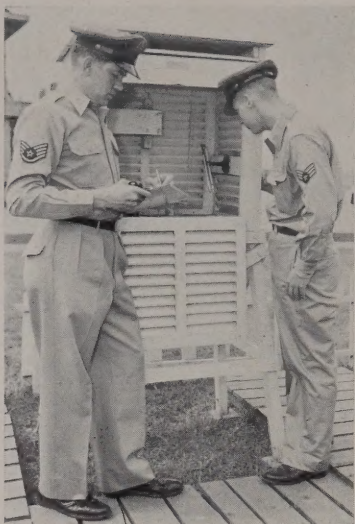
aerial port sq.



det a chments

project hawkeye





◀ o'e' man weather has
temperature taken hourly

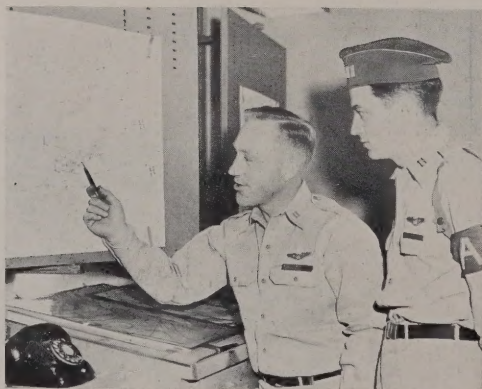


▲ advance weather predictions for tomorrow, the
next day and the next

map plotting
and analysis...
briefings...
surface and upper
air observations...
storm warnings...
forecasting...



▲ the forecast for the Osaka area is...



▲ airdrome Officer receives synoptic briefing

balloon gets "the drift of
things" upstairs ▶



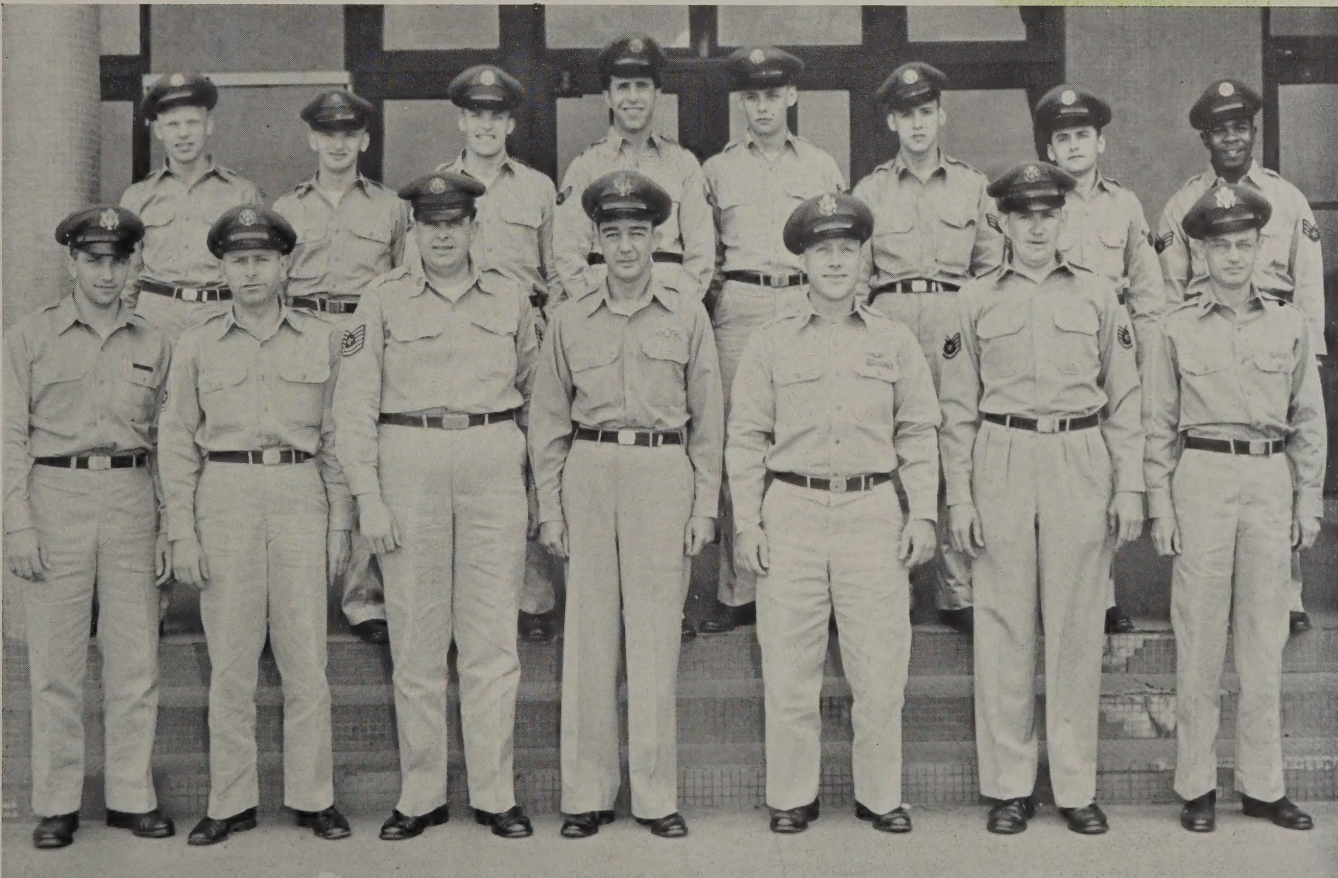
The Weather Station at Itami is operated by the men of Detachment 7, 20th Weather Squadron. Its commander is Major Jack E. Turner and he is assisted by five forecasters and twelve weather observers.

As at most other weather stations, the major question is to determine "What will the weather be?". However, this question is usually asked in more specific terms. Squadron operation officers want to know if the weather at a particular site will be suitable for a photographic mission. The forecasters must also be prepared to brief pilots on the weather conditions they will encounter while flying to any base in this theatre and the exact weather situation they will find when they arrive at their destinations. Another important job is to issue storm warnings so that military personnel and equipment can be protected from severe weather.

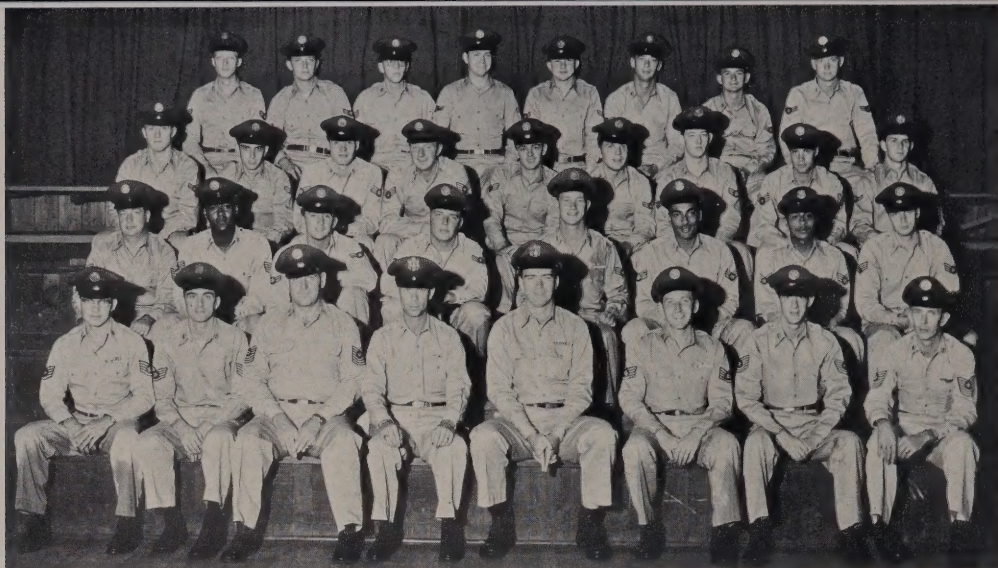
Pilots, while planning their landings at Itami, expect the weather station to tell them the current visibility, sky and wind conditions. To determine these conditions and relay the information is the primary duty of the weather observers. They also plot charts, maintain weather records, and keep all incoming teletype weather data systematically filed for immediate reference.

This vital contribution to the overall Wing mission goes on...twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

the weather station



Row #1, left to right, Swanson, Hull, Church, Major Turner, commander, Ohnemus, Cusick and Grove; Row #2, left to right, Winterberg, Green, Akin, Pollack, Schroeder, Kintz, Dilorio and Plater.



Row #1, left to right, Harvey, King, Jones, Lt. Boyce, commander, Daniels, Pinnock, Bolvin and Cunningham. Row #2, left to right, Agent, Monroe, Szczygiel, Utterback, Baldree, Walton, Moore and Dana. Row #3, left to right, Munson, Plante, Morgan, Plassmann, Gordon, Peterson, Bryant, Rew aud Duchesne. Row #4, left to right, Floyd, Jankosky, Jensen, Price, Bulger, Riley, Arendale and Barnett.

1951st aacs squadron

the tower ...

24-hour alert ...

directional finding for

aircraft ...

flight checking ...

safety always ...

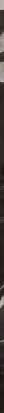
GCA runs ...

weather communications ...

check gear down and locked ...



▲ orderly room personnel



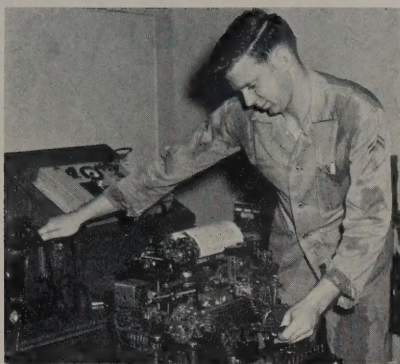
◀ visibility zero—GCA brings 'em in



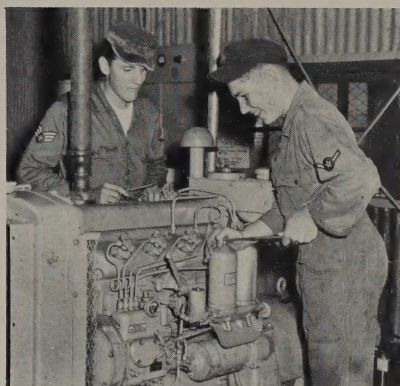
▲ vital radios kept in repair



▲ flight facilities staff



▲ teletype under repair



▲ emergency lights will keep burning when other lights fail



▲ crew maintains mobile GCA unit

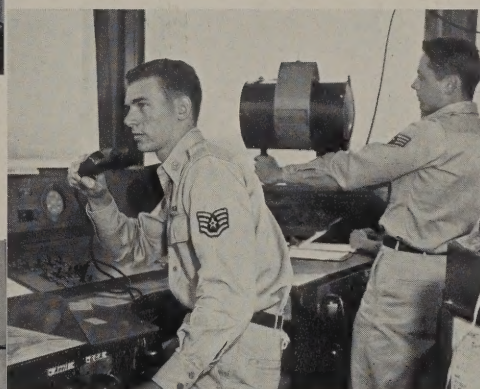


◀ weather info via teletype

This past year found Itami's AACS unit graduating from a detachment to a squadron. With the arrival of the 67th Wing from Korea and the added air traffic that followed, two navigational facilities were put into operation by the squadron.

A UHF direction finding set which can bring aircraft directly over the field from great distances has proven highly useful. This UHF set in addition to normal communications provided by the tower. After a plane comes into the proximity of the field it can be guided to the ground during inclement weather by the use of radar or ground control approach, (GCA), another newly acquired aircraft service.

The mission of AACS, which is essential to the safe operation of all aircraft, both commercial and military, encompasses the fields of air traffic control and weather communications in respect to navigational aids. It's an important mission and one that is carried out effectively by the 1951st AACS squadron at Itami.



◀ "tower to pilot—clear for take-off"

▶ flight plans and weather data is relayed 24 hours a day



◀ supplies all present and accounted for



air post office

letters postmarked before
▼ Stateside flight



receipt and
dispatch of mails...
money orders...
mail directory service...
the customs process...
mail insurance...
parcel post...

Detachment 8, 9th Air Postal Squadron, observed its first birthday on July 26th of this year. The detachment encountered many situations and problems this past year, but met and successfully managed each and received the distinction of being awarded two certificates of recognition as being the best APO in the Far East Air Forces for the first and second quarters of 1955.

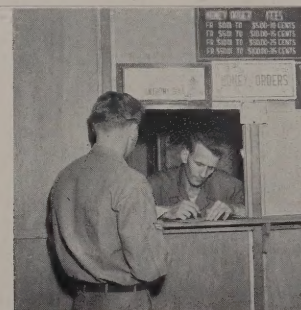
The post office, realizing that the type of mail service provided this base affects the morale of all base personnel, has strived to speed mail delivery at all times. The men of the detachment work long hours each week in order to keep standards of service high. In the past and future, their motto has been and will remain to be, "Better Service".



knelling, Hidaka, Row #1, left to right, Gool, Corley, Lt. Renner, commander, Holmes and Watson. Row #2, Adair and Keltner, Row #3, Hellestrae and Ray.



◀ Lt. Renner, commander, and NCO Corley



safe and simple... money goes home ▶



▲ "insured... anything breakable... airmail or boat mail?"



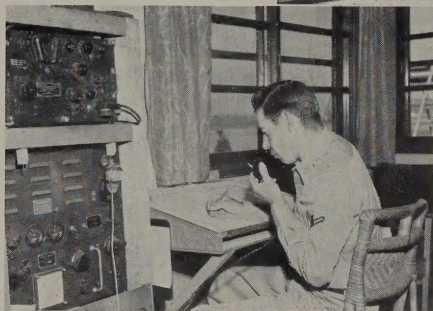
◀ final sorting hastens mail call



▲ captain Torres, commander, co-ordinates operation procedures

passenger service...
air freight...
hops...
combat cargo...
air evacuation...

booking desk fills manifest ► to Tachi



▲ tower's on the horn... C-54 in the pattern



▲ the flights in... 315th Bee Liner arrives

aerial port squadron

The primary mission of the 7th Aerial Port Squadron is the handling of cargo and passengers by the planes of the 315th Air Division.

During the recent Korean "police action" their main concerns were air evacuations and Army R&R's. Since the Wing deployed to Itami the shipment of cargo became of primary importance as air evacuations and R&R's became fewer in number.

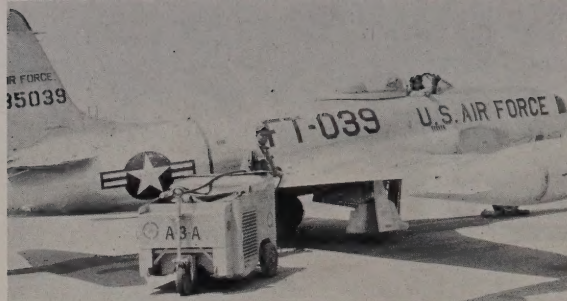
A hard-working organization, it has the knack of handling every type of air shipment from the movement of an entire wing to the air dropping of 250,000 pounds of food to the destitute as was done at the time of the Wakayama flood in 1954.



Row #1, left to right, Fosson, Rosebraugh, Petersen, Captain Torres, commander, Hawley, Fies and Akahori.

Row #2, left to right, Mayne, Roberts, Caccavo, Sanchez, Phillips and Harrison.

project hawkeye



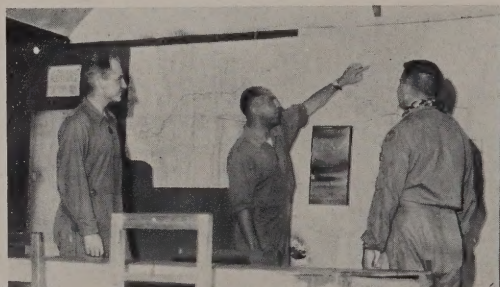
▲ 15th Tiger set to blast-off



Row #1, left to right, Kirchner, Nelson, Simmons, Wecal, Taylor, Capt. Lopes, commander, Allen, Clark, Erlich, Doolittle, Rabjohn and McFarland. Row #2, left to right, Lenartson, Puckett, Persson, Hyde, Petersen, LeBlanc, Holloway, Ballard, Duplessis, Kirkpatrick, Ketchie, Fosco, Murray and Atwell. Row #3, left to right, DiEva, McIntyre, Wilson, Dirak, Hansen, McKinney, Scott, Bradford, Allen, Lawless, Ondrusek, Humphrey, Young, Warren, 15th, 15th, 15th, Pappas, Stania, McConnell, Hargadon and Bumgarner.



◀ Delta route crew before take-off



mission briefing by Captain Lopes, ▶
project commander

camera readied for recce flight ▶



◀ weather observer makes his spots
from WB-26 nose

In order that the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing maintains its strategic position in Korea near the DMZ, a detachment labeled "Project Hawkeye" has been established at Kimpo or K-14, the old home of the 67th.

Segments of three tac recon squadrons, consisting of the 11th, 12th and 15th along with a photo lab and photo interpretation section of the 67th Recon Tech Squadron, have proved a highly effective means whereby the Wing can continue its reconnaissance mission over Korea as well as in Japan.



▲ local jazz combo—the "Pizons"

the office of ground safety ►



▲ boots, boots, boots... waitin' to be shined again

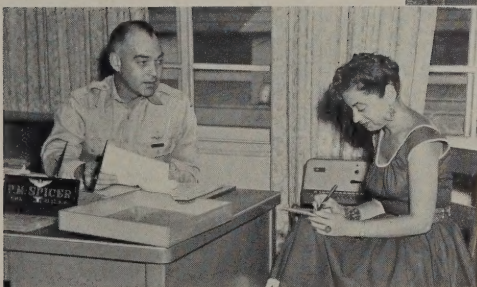


▲ sharp civilian guards stand pre-duty inspection

around the base



▲ boy scouts depart for a week of camp at Mt. Fuji



▲ take a letter please...



▲ our Red Cross representatives



◀ bikes —local mode of transportation

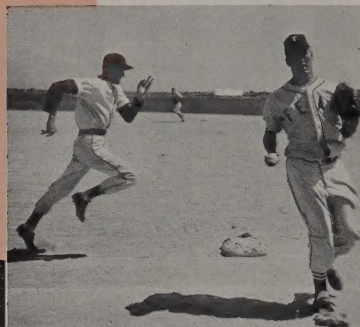


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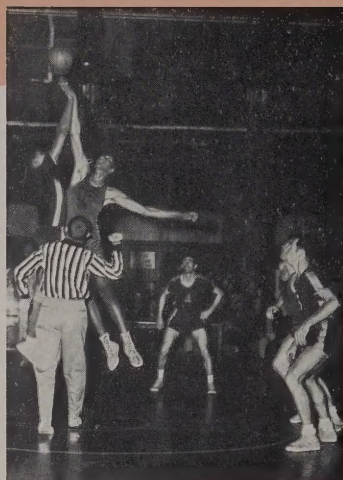


▲ Rod and Gun Club officers

sports



▲ Hawk out at first



▲ Itami hoopsters in action



Rod and Gun Club targetteers ►



winter league bowling champs ►



▲ low scoring linksmen... Itami golf team



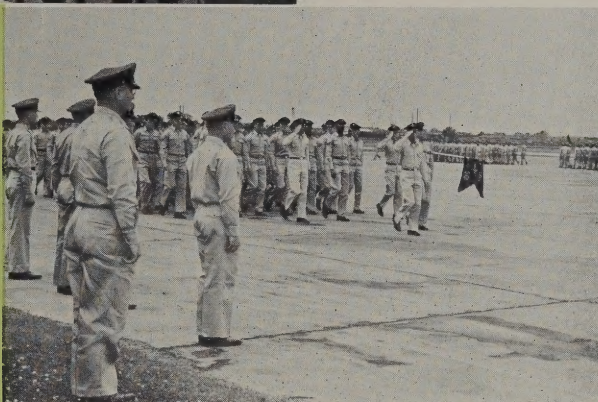
▲ base tennis team

guard of honor flanks visiting Ambassador Briggs ▶



◀ packed house enjoy Belles of Indiana

troops pass in review on Armed Forces Day ▶



events to remember



▲ flowers for Miss Japan and Miss Osaka

crowd engulfs Prime Minister Hatoyama ▶



◀ Colonel Spicer chats with General Zwicker and Secretary and Mrs. Stevens



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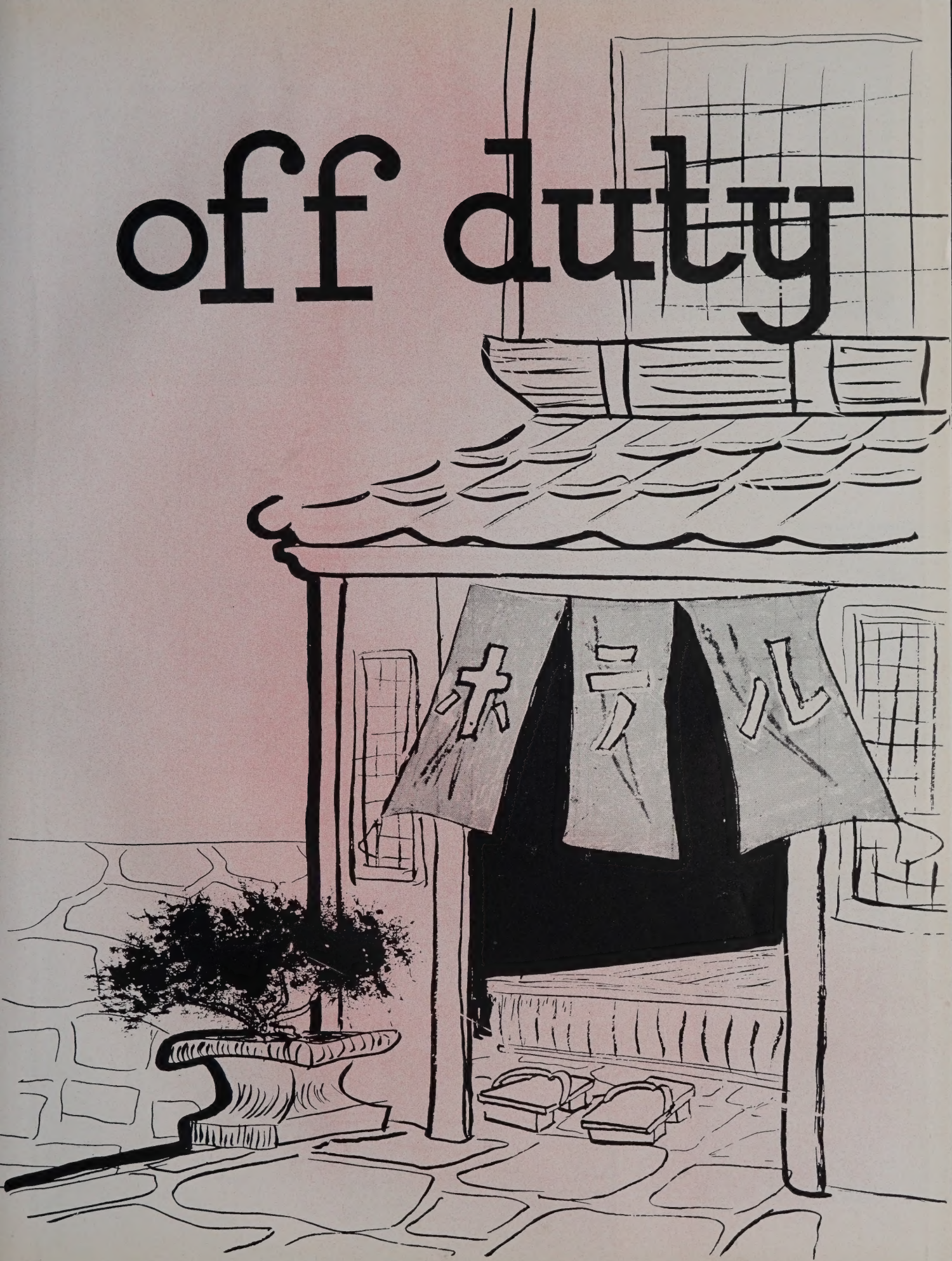
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▲ a neon circus—Shinsaibashi, Osaka

▼ world's largest wooden building houses giant budda

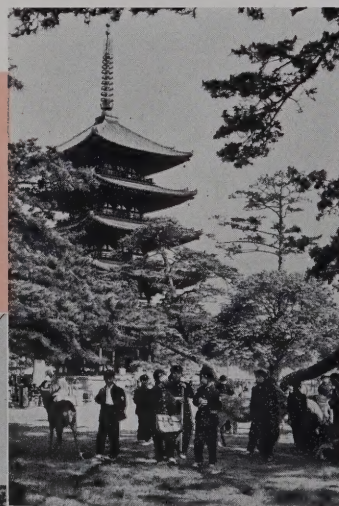


▲ dusk.....shadows point long fingers away from the base.....towards lighted neons.....



◀ myriad plaques name temple's contributors

▼ down the hill and home



▲ uniformed school boys visit Nara's deer park and pagoda





▲ a neon circus—Shinsaibashi, Osaka

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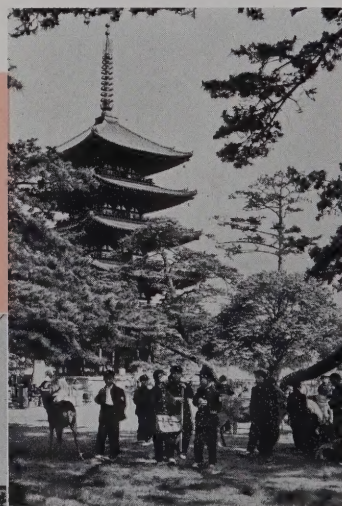


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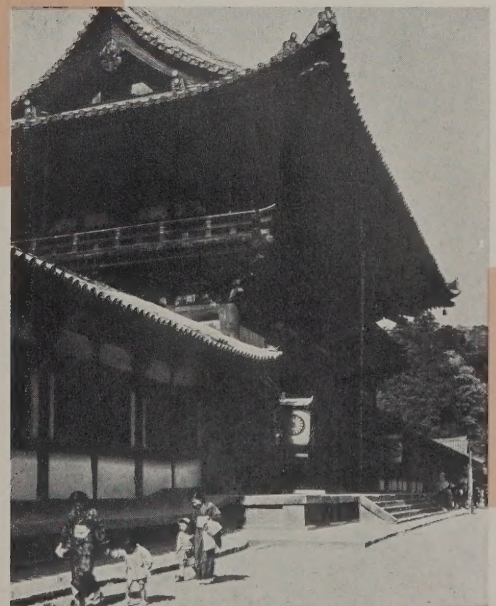


▲ late hours slacken "Strips" pace

◀ the old and the new...in Kobe



ting doorways....."Charlie's" three-wheelers.....Michener's "1000-yard dash".....the shops.....cabarets.....trumpets

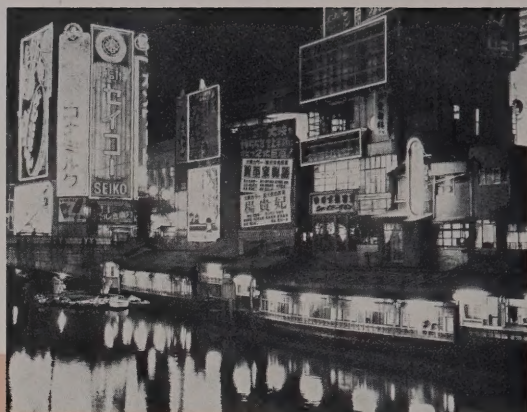


ancient gate guards buddist shrine ▲

▼ bars and shops beckon the casual stroller



▼ the Heian Shrine—Kyoto



▲ Shinsaibashi at night



trumpets and sax vs. the jukebox.....fried rice at a counter.....this is "the Strip".....visited during off duty hours.



▲ "Strip" dressed for the evening—bright lights a glitter

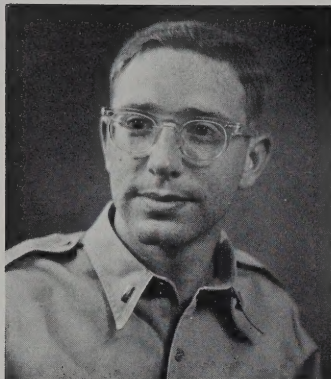


Daibutsu Budda—Nara ►



▲ sight-seeing popular—the rickshaw way

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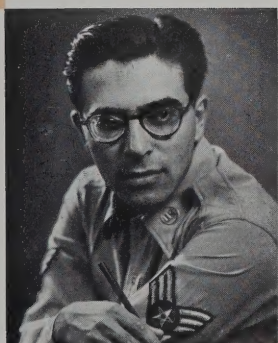
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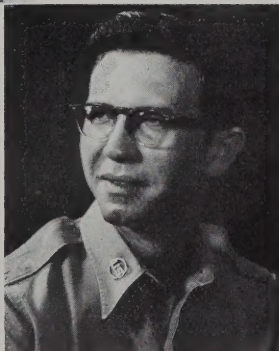
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Symphony of the Air conductor Hendl
scans Hawkeye ▶



▼ skill over force at Officers
Club judo exhibition



◀ Mrs. Roosevelt pauses at
Itami on U.N. jaunt



Red Cross campaign climax—June crowned queen ▼



events to remember



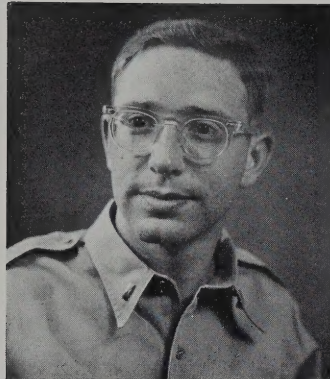
◀ General Ramey on tour of
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◀ the amazing Helen Keller



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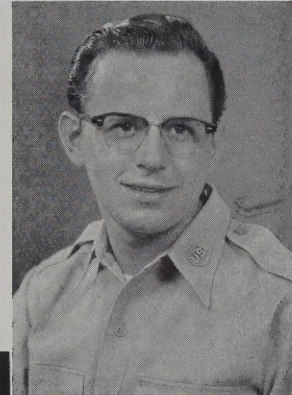
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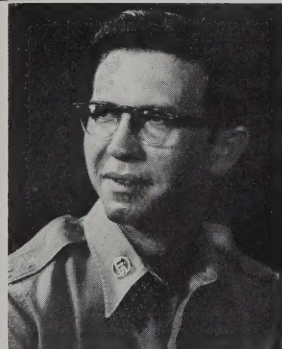
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A publication such as this is not a single-handed endeavor. It has taken the combined efforts and skills of many persons in order that the finished product can fairly and adequately represent our organization.

My personal thanks and hearty appreciation go out to each and every member of the Yearbook staff. Literally hundreds of off-duty hours have been devoted to this project by these men during the last several months.

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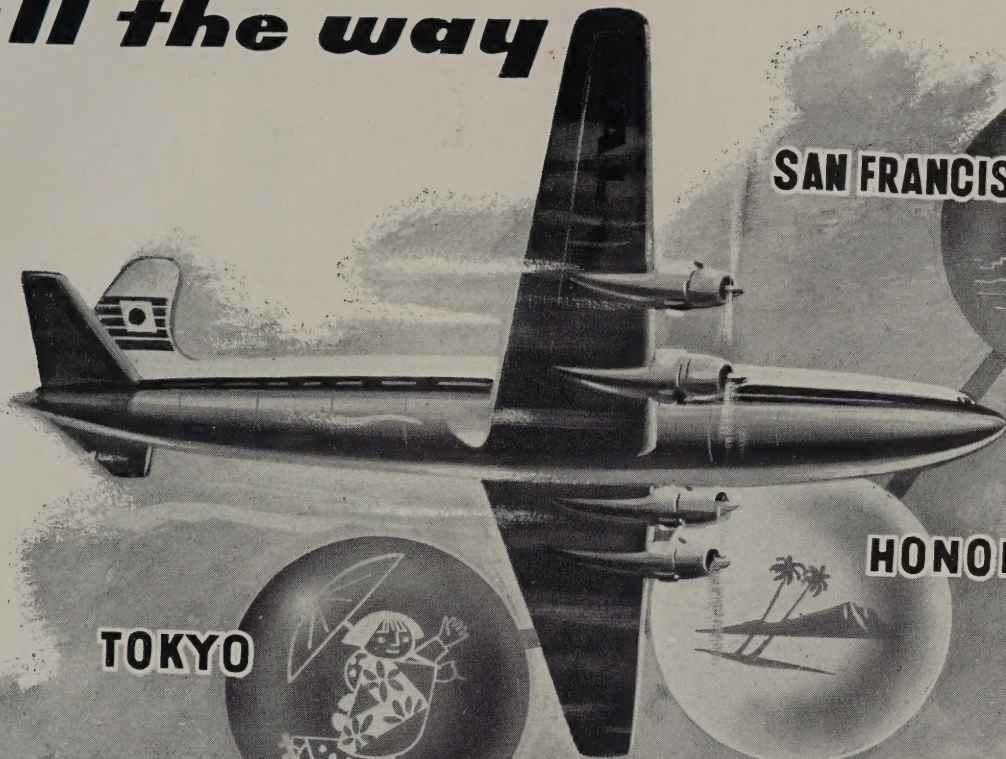
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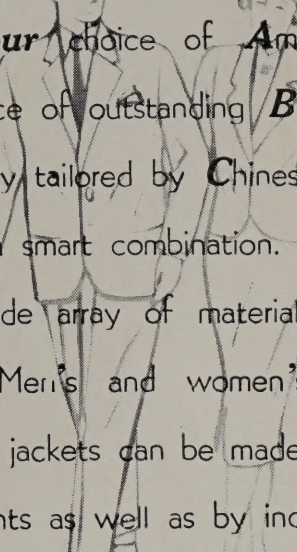
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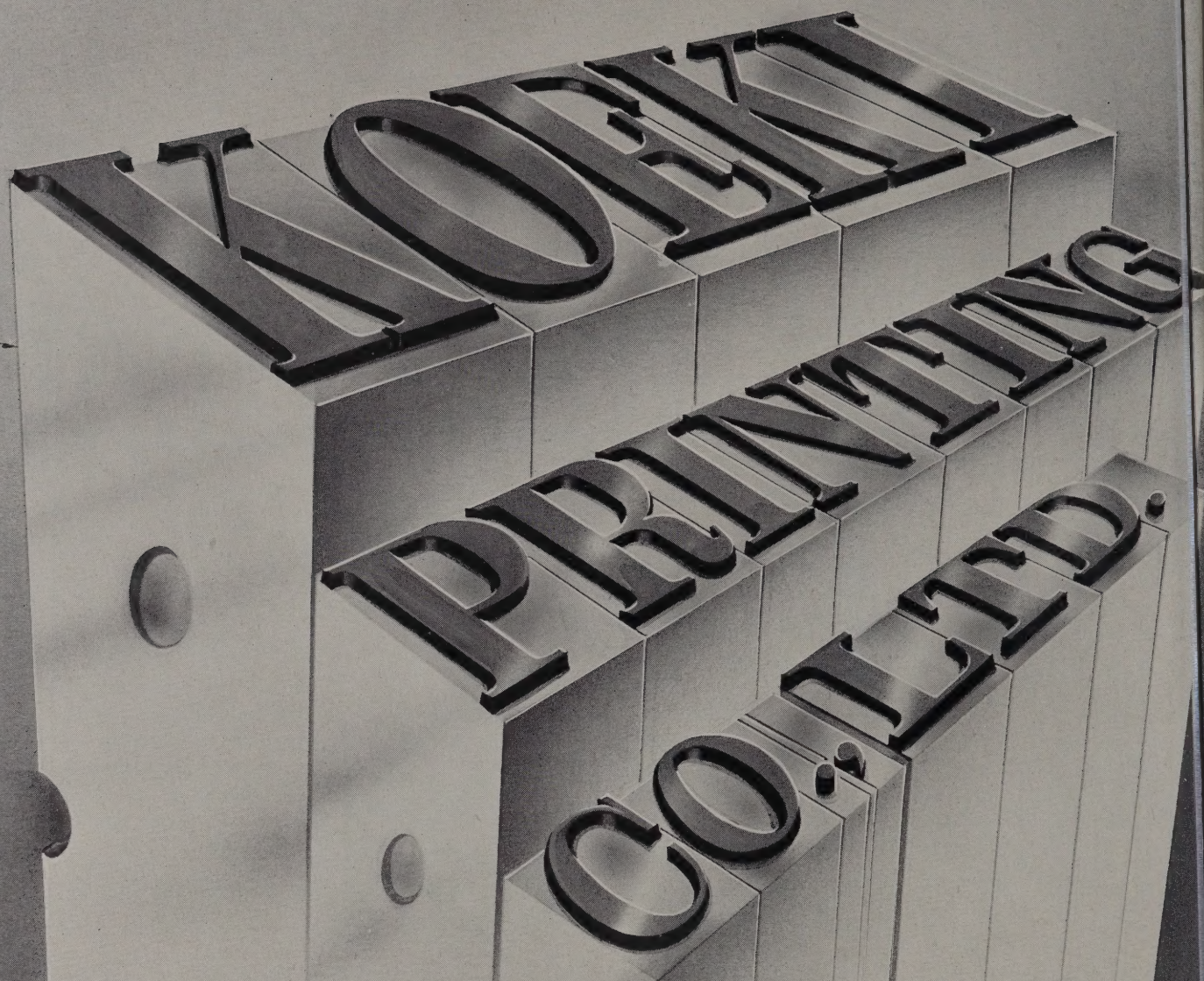
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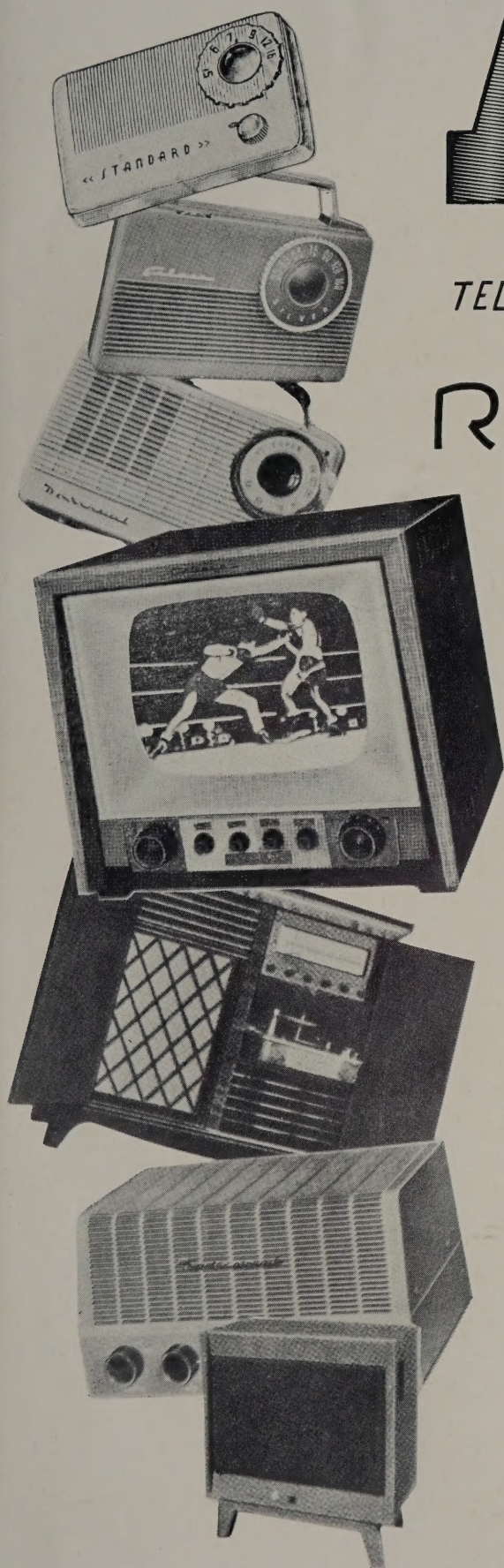
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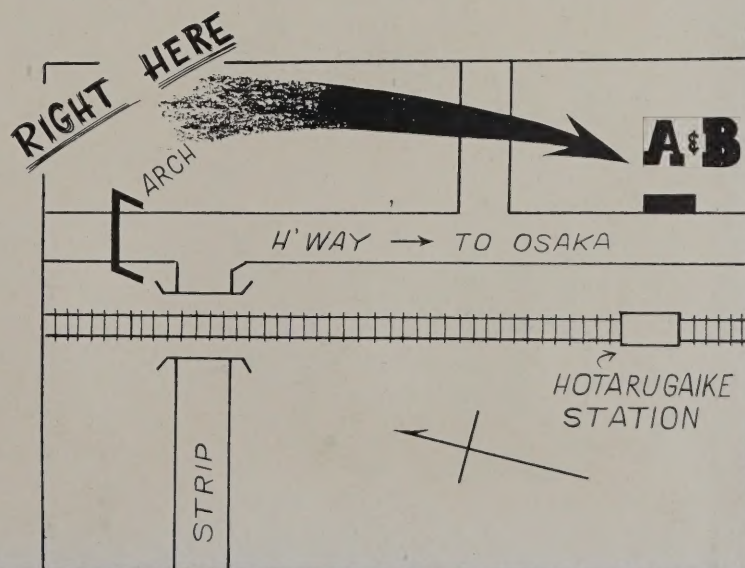
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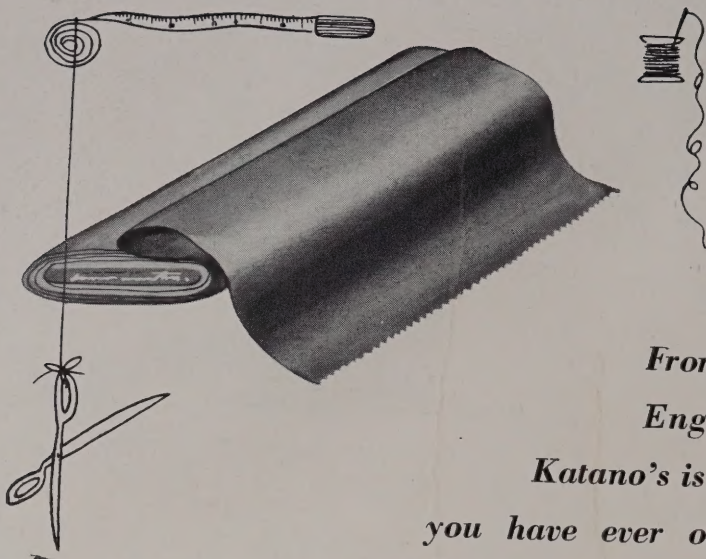
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